

The Regimental Association of

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search)



Constitution

1. TITLE

- 1.1. The Regimental Association of 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search) (Regtl Assoc 101 Engr Regt). Hereafter referred to as the Association.

2. INTRODUCTION

The first Regimental Association was formed in 1919 and its membership was open to all officers and soldiers who had served at anytime from its formation as 1st Middlesex Volunteer Engineers. Its original objectives were *'to maintain esprit de corps among all who served together, to provide amenities and organise social functions and reunions and last, but not least, to help ex-members, and more importantly, widows and orphans who might be in distress'*¹. This original association carried on alongside the various changes to the Regiment up until the disbandment of the Regiment in 1967 after which it appears that the association was disbanded. Following a meeting of serving and former members of the then TA Regiment it was proposed that an association was resurrected. The first meeting was held at Catford on 17 March 2009.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are:

- 3.1. Fostering esprit de corps, comradeship and the welfare of the membership.
- 3.2. Maintaining contact between past and present members of the Regiment, to raise awareness of the Association and the Regiment and to recruit members to both.

¹ Extracted from the 1st Middlesex Volunteer Engineers (1860-1967) by Maj DK Edwards MBE MSM TD

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- 3.3. In furtherance of the above to endeavour to hold events such as:

Annual Remembrance Day Service at St Luke's & Christ Church Sidney Street
Chelsea
Members & Guests Dinners
Fundraising Events
Battlefield Tours

- 3.4. In exceptional circumstances, and only when the Association is in a financial position to do so, relieve individual members of the Association or past and present members of the Association and their widows or widowers and dependants who are in need, hardship or distress in line with para 7.2 of this constitution In all cases offer non financial support.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Membership is open to all past and present members including Regular, TA, Non Regular Permanent Staff and Civil Servants of 101 Engr Regt (EOD), its predecessors and successors.
- 4.2. The committee shall have the authority to offer honorary membership to individuals who have a close connection with the Regiment. Honorary membership will be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 4.3. The committee shall have the authority to offer Life Membership to individuals who it is felt have given good service to the Association.
- 4.4. Serving members of the regiment will be offered membership without subscription for a period of 3 years. Continued membership will be dependent payment of current subscription fees.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 5.1. Annual Subscription payable on 01 January:
- 5.1.1. All members £10.00 per annum
 - 5.1.2. Members reaching the age of seventy five (75) will no longer pay annual an annual subscription.

6. ACCOUNTS

- 6.1. The Association accounts are to be scrutinised by two members (not members of the Committee) of the Association prior to the Annual general Meeting.
- 6.2. A minimum of two (2) scrutineers are to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

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6.3. The Association accounts are to be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

7. BENEVOLENCE

- 7.1. The Association will aim to raise money for a nominated charity annually. The nominated charity to be chosen at the Annual General Meeting by the membership. The aims of the nominated charity should be to support service personnel and their dependants, with particular emphasis on those charities which may benefit the members, former members and dependants of 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search)
- 7.2. The Committee of the Association will be the authority for any direct benevolence relief. Direct benevolence from the Association funds will only be offered in cases where there is immediate need and other sources of funds may take too long to offer support.
- 7.3. The main benevolence function of the Association is to assist members to source support from other service charities.
- 7.4. In considering applications from individuals the committee shall in each case bear in mind the Associations main aim as stated at paragraph 7.1

8. COMMITTEE

- 8.1. There will be one Committee which will cover both the Executive and Benevolent work of the Association. The Committee is to be chaired by the Chairman.
- 8.2. The Committee will consist of the following:
 - 8.2.1. Honorary President *(Should be a suitable person with strong connections to the Association and / or Regiment) (Ex-officio non-voting)*
 - 8.2.2. Chairman
 - 8.2.3. Treasurer
 - 8.2.4. Secretary
 - 8.2.5. Membership and Information Officer
 - 8.2.6. Welfare Officer
 - 8.2.7. *Social Media Manager / Publicity Member*

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- 8.2.8. Events Coordinator/Manager.
- 8.2.9. History Co-ordinator
- 8.2.10. History Sub-Committee. Consisting of 4 members
- 8.2.11. Committee Members *Minimum of 4 Volunteers*
- 8.2.12. Standard Bearer
- 8.3. Responsibilities of the Committee will include:
 - 8.3.1. Election of Members at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.3.2. Maintenance of the Association Accounts.
 - 8.3.3. Maintenance of the membership data base in accordance with current data protection law.
 - 8.3.3.1. Access to the data base to be limited to the Membership / Information officer, the Secretary and the Welfare Officer.
 - 8.3.4. Benevolence.
 - 8.3.5. Organisation of social activities.
- 8.4. The Committee is to meet no less than twice annually and minutes of meetings are to be circulated to all members of the Committee.
- 8.5. The minimum number of committee members required to form a quorum will be four (4).
- 8.6. Committee members shall be entitled to claim from Association funds reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in furtherance of Association business.
- 8.7. Committee members Tenure.
 - 8.7.1. Committee members are to be elected annually.
 - 8.7.2. Members may hold their post for a maximum term of five (5) years. No committee member may serve more than two terms.

The Committee shall have the following powers:

- 8.8. Take action as necessary for publishing and disseminating information concerning the histories, deeds and traditions of the Regiment.

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- 8.9. Receive, take and accept any gifts of property, whether subject to any special trust or not.
- 8.10. Receive and accept contributions by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise and to raise funds for the said Objectives provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities concerned solely with the said raising of funds.
- 8.11. Subject to such consents as may from time to time be required by law, to purchase, take, lease or exchange any property required for the purposes of the Association and lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.
- 8.12. Invest funds and property of the Association for use for the purpose of the Association in such investments as may from time to time be authorised by law.
- 8.13. Accumulate funds of the Association for such periods as may from time to time be authorised by the law.
- 8.14. To do all other things as shall be necessary for the attainment of the said Objectives.
- 8.15. Make contributions to suitable charitable bodies/trusts that are in accord with the Association's benevolence objectives.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 9.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually at which the members of the Committee are elected.
 - 9.1.1. Members can attend the AGM remotely via video link.
- 9.2. Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be called at the written request of any twenty subscribing members. At least 21 days notice shall be given to the Secretary of the Association.
- 9.3. Electronic and or postal voting may be used on major issues outside of the normal AGM and in lieu of an extraordinary general meeting.

10. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 10.1. Alteration to the constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

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- 10.2. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Association at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward.
- 10.3. At least 21 days notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed.

11. DISSOLUTION

- 11.1. The Association may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days notice shall have been given to the members.
- 11.2. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institution having Objectives similar to some or all of the Objectives of the Association as the Association may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.