

# 1<sup>ST</sup> THE QUEEN'S DRAGOON GUARDS REGIMENTAL COMRADES ASSOCIATION (RCA)

## THE RULES (amended October 2021)

1. **Membership and Objectives.** The Regimental Comrades Association (RCA) is open to all past and present members of the Regiment and all past members of 1st King's Dragoon Guards and The Queen's Bays, or any other person that the RCA Committee may agree. This may include attached personnel that may have served with the above.

The objectives of the RCA are mainly, but not limited to:

- a. Promoting comradeship and esprit de corps.
- b. The welfare of the Regiment and the preservation of its traditions.
- c. Maintaining social and sporting contacts and otherwise between all ranks past and present, who have served with the Regiment or its predecessors, and fostering friendship between them.

The responsibility for running the Regimental Comrades Association is delegated to the Committee of the RCA by the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards Regimental Trust (Registered Charity Number 274689). The Colonel of the Regiment is an ex-officio Trustee of the QDG Trust, in the event of him not being able to serve as President of the RCA, then the Trustees of the QDG Trust are required to appoint one of their number to the RCA Committee who may be additional to those in para 3. Below.

2. **Subscriptions.** Association Fund – (All RCA Members) such sums that are periodically agreed by the Committee and are considered a fair annual levy to maintain the health of the fund. For this a member receives a Lapel Badge, Newsletters and other communications. Members will be given a choice on how they wish to receive their journal and correspondence be it hard copy or electronically?

3. **Committee.** There will be one RCA Committee which will consist of the following:

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| a. President          | Colonel of the Regiment     |
| Chairman              | Elected by Committee        |
| Treasurer             |                             |
| Members               | To include a serving member |
| Regimental Secretary  |                             |
| Honorary Member - KDG |                             |
| Honorary Member - Bay |                             |
| Branch Secretaries    |                             |
| Museum Curator        |                             |

b. **Responsibilities of the Committee.** The responsibilities are to include but are not limited to the following:

- i. Election of Members, Organisation of Reunion Dinners and other social activities.
- ii. Organisation of the Annual Cavalry Memorial Parade.
- iii. Maintenance of the Association Accounts, which will be conducted by the Treasurer as part of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards Regimental Trust.
- iv. Representation at:
  - a. The Fields of Remembrance in Westminster Abbey and Cardiff.
  - b. Remembrance Parade in Cardiff.
  - c. Funerals.
- v. Nominating representatives to serve on Combined Cavalry OCA and other Committees.
- vi. Organising visits to Regiment.
- vii. The RCA Committee will report to the Trustees of the Regimental Trust as required by the Trust.
- viii. Agreeing with HHQ QDG the process of enrolling new members and the maintenance of membership records, ensuring these are in accordance with GDPR.

c. **Honorary Members.** Honorary Members shall be elected by the Committee but will not carry a vote. Their main role will include the recruiting and retention of members from the 1<sup>st</sup> King's Dragoon Guards and The Queen's Bays.

d. **Term of Office.** Elected members will serve a term of three years but may be re-elected to serve a maximum total of three terms. If however a member wishes to stand-down before his/her term ends they are to inform the Chairman in writing six months prior to leaving as this will enable a new

member to be found. Outgoing members may wish to co-opt a member to mentor prior to standing down. Branch Secretaries may serve for as long as they wish.

- e. **Committee Member Shall Cease to Hold Office.** If a Committee member has been absent from all meetings over a period of twelve months the Committee may vote off the individual from membership of the RCA Committee.
- f. **Suspension of Membership from the Association.** The Committee of the RCA may suspend any member who in the opinion of the Committee, has been guilty of conduct likely to bring the RCA or Regiment into disrepute. Any member accused of such conduct may make written representation to the Committee in his or her defence.
- g. **Meetings.** The Committee are to meet twice a year in March and October (AGM) normally in Cardiff. However as agreed by the Committee, an extra ordinary meeting may be held at a different venue such as Bovington Camp or the Regiment i.e. Committee meetings will be considered quorate if a minimum of half the voting members are present. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman will have a casting vote. Copies of the Minutes are to be circulated to all members of the Committee, Branch Secretaries and the Trustees of the Regimental Trust. A Committee Member shall be considered in attendance at a meeting if he or she is physically present or is able to communicate with the other Committee Members by an appropriate method agreed by the Committee Members. This shall include but not be limited to the use of virtual facilities such as Zoom.

4. **RCA Meetings.** The October meeting of the RCA Committee will also be open to all members of the RCA. It will be held on the evening of the Reunion Dinner in Cardiff and will act as the Annual General Meeting of the RCA. Elected members of the RCA Committee will be elected by those subscribing members present at the AGM. Any other business requiring the agreement of the membership may also be conducted, such as alteration to the rules (see para 5.). If required, additional meetings of the RCA shall be called at the written request of any six subscribing members.

5. **Alteration to the Rules.** Alteration to these Rules shall require the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any RCA meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Rules must be received by the Chairman of the RCA at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days notice of such a meeting must be given to the Chairman.

6. **Branches.** Local branches exist to further the objectives of the RCA and be a line of support for Regimental Comrades within their boundaries. Branch Secretaries are to ensure their members uphold the values standards and traditions of the RCA and the Regiment. Branch Secretaries are strongly encouraged to recruit new members into the RCA.

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Chairman  
Regimental Comrades Association  
1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards

Dated .....02 October 2021.....