



**AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH MINEWARFARE ASSOCIATION (MWA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD AT THE ROYAL MARITIME HOTEL, QUEENS STREET
PORTSMOUTH**

on

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024 AT 1000

Venue Open from 0930 for Tea & Coffee

Please Note: 11, at least, non-committee members are required to enable the 2024 AGM to go ahead!

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| 1. | Welcoming Address | Chair |
| 2. | Blessing. | MWA Bish |
| 3. | Apologies for absence | Vice Chair |
| 4. | Review of previous 2023 Interim General Meeting | Vice Chair |
| 5. | Review of Outstanding Items, from 2022 AGM,
not cover in agenda below. | Vice Chair |
| 6. | Ratification/Re-Election of Officers | Vice Chair/Chair |

Chair	Jim Hawkins
*Vice Chair	Taff Reader
*Treasurer	Stephen 'Coxy' Cox
*Membership Sec	James 'Ginge' O'Dowd
*Serving Rep	
Webmaster	Ronnie Barker
Face Book/Social Media Rep	Shaun Keen
Sweep Storeman	Taff Bow
*Project Rep	Dorian 'Simmo' Simmonds
**Standard Bearer	John 'Jan' Harvey
**Deputy Standard Bearer	Gapped
**MWA Bish	Debbie Harvey

***To be ratified in accordance with minutes from 2023 Interim General Meeting.**

**** Ex-officio - Non-voting Officers**

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| 7. Chairs Report | Chair |
| 8. Membership Secretary Report | Membership Sec |
| 9. Treasurers Report | Treasurer |
| 10. Sweep Store Report | Sweep Stores Man |
| 11. Webmaster Report | Webmaster |
| 12. MWA Facebook account update | Facebook Rep |
| 13. New Agenda Items | |
- The following new Items are for consideration and/or require your vote

ITEM	ACTION
<p><i>MWA Charity.</i></p> <p><i>Following the completion/instalment of the Vernon Monument, the association were without a nominated charity. So, in 2020/21 Cancer Research was our nominated charity, unfortunately due to the recent pandemic we have not had an opportunity to do as much fund raising as we would have wished?</i></p> <p><i>At the Interim meeting, in 2023, those present expressed a wish to donate to the MWA National Arboretum Memorial and £95.00 was raised at the 2023 Reunion and this would be added to previous funds donated towards the installation of a memorial at the National Arboretum https://www.thenma.org.uk/</i></p> <p><i>Which is a UK registered charity and 150-acre visitor site on the edge of the National Forest in Staffordshire, which offers a unique contribution to those who have served and their sacrifice is never forgotten, ensuring that the baton of Remembrance is passed on through the generations, with year-round space to celebrate lives lived and commemorate lives lost.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, this will now become the MWA chosen charity.</i></p>	<p><i>Treasurer</i></p>

<p>Date and Venue for 2025/6/7 Reunions.</p> <p><i>In line with the agreed 5 Year Reunion Cycle. It is intended to hold the following Reunions/AGM's</i></p> <p><i>2025 - Preferred Location (Southwest) Venue TBC ideas welcome.</i> <i>Volunteer Required to Organise</i></p> <p><i>2026 – National Arboretum, Black Tie Reunion & Dinner, Location (Staffordshire, Leicester, Birmingham area), Venue tbc.</i> <i>Organiser - Project Rep</i> <i>Volunteer Required to Organise Accomadation & Dinner</i></p> <p><i>2027 – Location Portsmouth, Venue tbc.</i> <i>Volunteer Required to Organise</i></p>	<p><i>Project Rep</i></p>
<p>MWA Special Project 2026</p> <p><i>As mentioned earlier with Project Vernon now successfully behind us, MWA have investigated a suitable tribute to all those involved in Mine Warfare. This, ideally, would be placed in the National Memorial Arboretum. A Mk 17 mine has been sourced as a suitable memorial.</i></p> <p><i>Investigations have started with the National Arboretum and the intention is to combine the dedication ceremony with the MWA Reunion in March of 2026.</i></p>	<p><i>Project Rep.</i></p>

<p>MWA Attendance at Cenotaph.</p> <p><i>A place was secured through the Royal British Legion (RBL) for twenty members to represent the MWA and march at the cenotaph in November 2022. However, the MWA were 'Black balled' in 2023 and we were unable to secure a place!</i></p> <p><i>The President, National Chair, and the Cenotaph Organizing Committee, of the RBL, have been made fully aware of the MWA's dissatisfaction and at present the MWA Chair is endeavouring to contact the RBL, by various social media posts and recently recorded Royal Mail delivery.</i></p> <p><i>It is hoped that the MWA do not upset the RBL too much and we can secure a place this year, 2024.</i></p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>MWA Memorabilia held by Sweep Store</p> <p><i>The MWA have been donated assorted items of Memorabilia over the past years and these are held in the Sweep Store. It is intended to auction these items off during the 2026 Reunion Dinner. In aid of bolstering the donations required to sight the Arboretum Memorial.</i></p>	<p>Sweep Storesy</p>

<p>MWA Standard Topper</p> <p><i>As with many other organisations and standards the MWA has indicated that there should be a suitable topper to place on the Standard. Investigations are under way as to feasibility of this happening and costings.</i></p>	Standard Bearer
<p>Deputy Standard Bearer Required</p> <p><i>Currently we only have one Standard Bearer which limits our ability to Parade the Standard to meet all requests. A deputy is needed to support as required. This is a worthy task and always much appreciated by all when paraded. Please give this position thoughtful consideration and contact the Vice Chair for more details.</i></p>	Vice- Chair

Ostend 'Run Ashore'

Taff Reader is organising a 'Run-Ashore' social in Ostend. More details to follow.

Chair

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12. Any Other Business (AOB)

13. Closing Address