



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
At the Tillington Hall Hotel, Stafford**

**Meeting Opened @ 10:00**

**Item 1:** The National Standard was paraded into the meeting by Debbie Lofts, the Union Flag by Charles McIntosh, accepted by Mr Malcolm White.

**Item 2:** The Homage was read by Mr Clive Boyles MSM.

**Item 3:** Short Prayer Rev Roger Perry, Association Padre.

**Item 4:** Pause for 2 minutes silence and reflection. We remember especially today those members of our association who have departed this life since the last AGM. Names read out by Mr Malcolm White.

Roll of Honour 2017 - 2018

Members No	Forename	Surname	Branch	Date Dec
UK/O/1455	Denzil	Harris	Bridgend	02/03/2018
UK/A/3783	Rosaleen	Rees	Bridgend	11/12/2017
UK/O/2747	Ernest	Murphy	Colchester	14/11/2017
UK/O/5090	Corran	Purdon	Colchester	27/06/2018
UK/A/3790	David	Webb	Colchester	05/07/2018
UK/O/1027	Michael	Thorpe	Doncaster	N/K
UK/O/5037	David (Danny)	Cassidy	Durham	26/08/2018
UK/O/7629	Michael	Marshall-Deane	Durham	10/10/2017
UK/O/7264	Cresswell	Oyston	Durham	07/03/2018
UK/O/6792	Henry	Taylor	Grantham	23/03/2018
UK/O/6467	Geoffrey	Blanshard	Hull	23/04/2018
UK/O/5460	Jim	Rowlinson	Leicester	23/01/2018
UK/O/7882	Henry	Walker	Leicester	N/K
UK/O/4334	Earnest	West	Lincoln	11/05/2018
UK/O/7335	Derek	Wileman	Lincoln	N/K
UK/O/2146	George	Twaites	North Kent	09/12/2017
UK/O/3177	Payne	Alfred	North Kent	03/04/2018
UK/O/5419	Stanley	Jennings	North Wales	N/K
UK/O/6740	Graham	Evans	Northern Ireland	02/06/2018
UK/O/6447	George	McFerran	Northern Ireland	29/04/2018
UK/O/7605	William	McGranaghan	Northern Ireland	N/K
UK/O1224	Eric	Sunderland	Nottingham	15/02/2018
UK/A/4461	Fay	Hollis	Nottingham	29/06/2018
UK/O/5691	Brian Kenneth	Williams	Overseas	03/11/2017

UK/O/7949	Paul	Thompson	Overseas	11/04/2018
UK/O/5709	Brian Richard	Furlong	Postal Central	26/06/2017
UK/O/6788	Ashley	Merrick	Postal Central	01/11/2017
UK/O/5077	William	Daws	Postal Central	08/04/2018
UK/A/4315	Elizabeth Helena	Ashworth	Postal Central	18/06/2018
UK/O/0248	Kenneth	Atkinson	Postal North	N/K
UK/O/7304	John Edward (Ted)	Brown	Postal North	06/03/2018
UK/O/1000	David	Camburn	Postal North	17/03/2018
UK/O/3028	David	Cameron	Postal North	10/10/2017
UK/O/7823	Thomas	Cameron	Postal North	09/03/2017
UK/O/7361	John	Love	Postal North	N/K
UK/O/6907	David	Overstone	Postal North	N/K
UK/O/2399	Richard	Rowe	Postal North	N/K
UK/O/7375	William	Taylor	Postal North	N/K
UK/O6573	Paul	Windle	Postal North	21/03/2017
UK/O/1952	Michael	Cresswell	Postal North	N/K
UK/O/5581	Peter	Bennison	Postal North	22/04/2018
UK/O/6254	Collin	Orchard	Postal South	17/05/2017
UK/O/7731	Andrew	Sutherland	Postal South	29/12/2017
UK/O/1306	Roland	Taylor	Postal South	03/01/2018
UK/O/6604	Cecil	Willis	Postal South	N/K
UK/O/5713	George Frederrick	Wrisberg	Postal South	29/12/2006
UK/O/5087	Thomas	Wright	Postal South	05/05/2018
UK/O/5487	Martin	Harper	Postal South	16/12/2014
UK/O/0642	Reginald	Elson	Postal South	18/06/2008
UK/O/3647	Shridan	Price	Southern	27/09/2017
UK/O/2526	Malcolm	Tanner	Southern	N/K
UK/O/5440	Warwick	Cockram	Southern	N/K
UK/O/7648	William	Eke	Surrey	N/K
UK/O/7508/	Derek	Farahar	Surrey	26/01/2018
UK/O/7499	Alfred	Hose	Surrey	N/K
UK/O/7601	Kenneth	Marshall	Surrey	N/K
UK/O/7587	Kenneth	Needham	Surrey	05/11/2017
UK/O/7209	John	Phillips	Surrey	09/06/2017
UK/O/5249	Fred	Pope	Surrey	N/K
UK/O/5749	Robin	Sinclair-Lee	Surrey	03/09/2018
UK/O/0834	Elliot	Campbell	Tyneside	17/03/2018
UK/O/5263	Andrew	Darke	Colchester	01/09/2018

**Item 5: Meeting opened by Mr Malcolm White**

Malcolm welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for their support. He noted that there were some members present who had not attended for some time; he hopes that everyone would enjoy the week-end and he looked forward to meeting everyone.

**Item 6: Members of NEC introduced by Mr Malcolm White (National Chairman)**

Ted Williams (National Secretary); Bob Roberts (National Membership Secretary & Postal North Coordinator); Annie Burden (Webmaster & Regalia Officer); Brian Roche (NEC Member & Postal South

Coordinator); Valerie Nisbet (NEC Member & Postal Coordinator Overseas Members); Clive Boyles MSM (NEC Member & Postal Central Coordinator).

### **Item 7: Apologies**

Gen. Sir Garry Johnson KCB OBE MC. Sir Garry sent an e-mail, he underwent surgery and was hoping to be fit enough to attend the Reunion Dinner, but unfortunately this was not to be so. Sir Garry sends his best wishes to all members, hoping members have an enjoyable weekend.

Dick Richardson (National Treasurer) also has been through a similar experience and was hoping to be fit enough to attend the meeting.

Mike Weller (Honorary Vice President) sent his apologies "Mike has never missed an AGM since its inauguration, but the date clashed with his grandson's wedding"

Apologies also received from the following: Lt. Col. Tex Pemberton OBE; Mr & Mrs Ted Pemberton; Mr & Mrs Donald Mott; Mr Ron Blain; Mr John Barker; Major Noel Nash MBE Soti; Mr & Mrs Reg Hollins; Mr Arthur Hewitt. I have had a phone call from Alan Ralston-Good to the effect that he and Angela are on their way but will be a bit late. If I have missed anyone out I apologise

### **Item 8: Reading and acceptance of the AGM minutes**

#### **Item 8a: Matter arising that are not on the agenda**

Paul Cross pointed out that his name was recorded wrongly, John Cross as apposed to Paul Cross. National Secretary apologised.

#### **Item 9: National Chairman's Report 2018: Malcolm White**

I'm honoured to be here as your National Chairman. It's now 24 years since our Veterans Association was formed, June 1994, the years seem to pass very quickly, next year will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you all for attending, we need your support at the AGM to ensure that our association is run democratically and fairly for members, not forgetting our reunion Gala Dinner that enables us to catch up with friends we don't often see. We try to have our AGM and Reunion weekends located in mid England so that it is equally accessible to members from the North and South of our country. Next year we will be holding our AGM and Reunion weekend at Nottingham. Our spring get-together in April at the Tiffany's Hotel in Blackpool was again a great success, almost 100 members and their partners attended, excursions were arranged to Port Sunlight, Liverpool Docks and also to Southport. Again this year we need to be especially grateful to the 'Not Forgotten Association' for all the events that have been offered to us, and of course our National Secretary Ted Williams who has to co-ordinate the members with the events which is no mean task. This year our members have attended: 2nd June, Trooping of the Colour, The Colonels Review, 8 members; 7<sup>th</sup> June, Buckingham Palace Garden Party, 30 members; 20th June, Highgrove House Garden and Luncheon, 8 members; 6th July, Wimbledon Tennis Championships, 2 members; 29th August, Swing Sweethearts Afternoon Tea, 23 Members; 1st September, Dunkirk Little Ships on the Thames, 4 members. Coming up on 17th October, Phyllis Court Concert, Henley, 6 members. The 'Not Forgotten Association' is very generous to us.

Your NEC has been looking at the future of our Association. It is financially viable for the foreseeable future. It is unfortunate but some Branches in time will close and it is the NEC's recommendation that when a branch closes, its members are offered the option of becoming a postal member. Problems may arise from lack of members that volunteer for running Branches and the National Executive Committee, as members stand down due to ill health or family circumstances. We will review the situation from time to time and adjust as required. Should there be any drastic change we will make recommendations so that members can determine the path that we will take from the options available. This will be our last Reunion at the Tillington Hall, I hope you all enjoy this weekend and catch up with old friends. Malcolm White (National Chairman)

#### **Item 10: National Treasurers Report for the Year 2017-2018: Dick Richardson**

The Income to the Association has fallen despite the rise in subscriptions. This can be put down to Standing Order Members, who, despite a letter in last November's newsletter, a letter/email last January and follow up letter each month since. I have written more than one hundred letters since January and

still have letters to write six months on. Does no-one read letters, it is frustrating, possibly 20% get answered, so I will not know until next payment is made. I thank those members that responded and sent the balance of payment.

### **INCOME**

Having brought forward £5,813.25 from the previous years, Joining Fee's £72.00, Subscriptions £8469.00 (down partly owing to late payment), Regalia Sales and Postage £728.64, Accommodation £257.00, Insurance only £476.00 donated towards cost, Voluntary Donations £1,484.40 thank you, Memorial Fund £476.00 Fund now closed. Total Income £17,533.30

### **EXPENDITURE**

Stationary £45.76, Printing £231.85, Postage £502.95 up by £40.00, Audit £325.00, Insurance £1875.25 (2017), £1118.53 (2018) a reduction of over £700.00 thanks to Ted for re-negotiating.

KERIS/Newsletter £5,398.10 (includes a late payment of postage £882.35), NEC Travel £523.80, Subsistence £32.50, Accommodation £1,439.00, Rebate £33.00, Remembrance £90.00, Contingency £89.00, Regalia £42.00, £1,000.00 transferred to reserve account. Total Expenditure £12,747.23

Leaving £4,786.07 carried forward. Budget for 2018-2019 will show a fall in income and slight rise in expenditure over the twelve-month period, owing to the fall in numbers of members Income £12,800.00 Expenditure £11,877.00 approximately.

### **CON CLUSION**

When all members are paying the full subscription, we will hopefully show a better margin between income and expenditure.

### **D Richardson**

National Treasurer

### **Depending on the Treasurer's health there may be alterations to the above**

National Secretary: Since the report was written we have had a lot of late payments and these figures will go into 2018-19 accounts.

Copy of Audit report 2017/2018 attached plus income & expenditure account.

### **Item 11: Membership Secretary's Report: Bob Roberts**

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen

Here is my report of comings and goings of members since the last AGM

As we are getting older it is inevitable that members are being posted upstairs. The average passing's per year over the last 7 years is 48. Due to the bad winter weather and a hot summer there has been a slight increase in the number of members posted upstairs.

As you will see from my figures there are still several members who have not yet paid their annual subscriptions for the year 2018/2019. This includes a few branches that still have not come in line with the financial year as proposed at the AGM of 2011. It was agreed that branches would pay their subs by the 30<sup>th</sup> June each year, with the exception of members who pay by standing order. These affect the Treasurers financial forecast.

Recruitment this year has been below average, but there are still a few people finding us, and figures are made up by returning members.

	Membership of the association	
Association Membership is	Oct 2017	Oct 2018
A: Members on the database	1469	1283
B: Paid up Members	1192	992
In arrears	277	291
Membership is made up of		
A: Associate Members	143	147
B: Honorary Members	17	17
C: Ordinary Members	1309	1119

## Recruitment since last AGM

A: Associate Members	112	6
B: Ordinary Members	28	12
C: Returning Members	39	21

## We have lost since the last AGM

A: Deceased	48	59
B: Lost Touch	32	142*
C: Resigned	38	28

Of the 291 who have not paid their subscription some are members who pay by standing order who I cannot isolate when compiling my list. Once again, I must ask branch secretaries/treasurers to help me keep the database up to date by letting me know about the circumstances of their members who have not paid their subs. If they have resigned because they cannot attend branch meetings, either through bad health or distance, please let me know and I will contact them to offer them postal membership. We don't want to lose them.

Of the 142 members we have lost touch with, 99 had not paid their subs since 2015, they have been left in the lost touch file hoping they will come back to us.

The new Data Protection Act is causing a large amount of work for some of the committee. Everything I have on the database in Access has now to be changed to Excel and have a password for the database plus a password for a memory stick. This means that every branch must have a separate database.

This is my report to the Association for the year 2017-2018

**Item 12: Report by the International Liaison Officer: John Measham**

Mr Chairman, Committee Members, and NMBVA members.

Following our successful trip to Malaysia last year, many of the members requested a return visit. I am proposing in 2019 to take our members to Penang and Kuching in Borneo, with much the same format as 2017, part holiday and part Veteran duties, with paying our respects at Commonwealth Memorials and Cemeteries. So far I have 54 interested parties, most from the last trip and some in response to the advertisement on the NMBVA website.

Unfortunately, this time I am having a great deal of trouble getting our Malaysian friends to respond to any correspondence, also our Defence Team in Kuala Lumpur who are working with me on organising this trip are having much the same problem.

While I was in Penang earlier this year, I had managed to secure a discounted rate at the Flamingo Hotel Penang which we used last year. Also I have arranged a boat trip around part of the Island ending with a BBQ on Monkey Beach at a discounted rate. I am back there again in January and hope to arrange other events for our members, should this go ahead. The newly appointed Malaysian Defence adviser is now in place, a Brig General Tomo, who will be our guest of honour at our dinner this evening, and I'm hoping to arrange a meeting with him in London in the very near future.

At this stage I have no cost, however, I am hoping that the inclusive price will be similar to 2017 with the help from the contacts at Malaysian Airways and Hotels. The dates for this trip would be 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019 until 2<sup>nd</sup> September, which will be 10 nights in Penang followed by 4 nights in Kuching.

**Item 13: Notice of Motions**

Proposed by Mr Ted Williams, seconded by Mrs Annie Burden.

Audit Report: That biannually the NEC audits the NMBVA National accounts. At present we have our accounts audited by a professional, qualified accountant. This is laudable but expensive and unnecessary. We have enough expertise on the NEC to carry out an audit on accounts. However, to ensure strict control, they will be audited by a professional accountant biannually, this should save approximately £200 per year. This is within the Law.

Mrs Nisbet explained to the meeting that this method was used at her place of work. After discussion

it was unanimously AGREED that the NMBVA should adopt this mode of operation, date of implementation to be decided after discussion with the National Treasurer.

Proposed by Mrs Annie Burden, seconded by Mr Bob Roberts

As we have been informed by the National Chairman, Mr Grahame Bamford resigned from the position of vice chairman on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Mrs Burden questioned whether we needed a vice chairman, he does very little, Ted does all the work, and we can always appoint a member of the committee to chair a meeting in the absence of the Chairman. This was put into abeyance.

Ted: The NEC must have approval, because we will have to amend the constitution.

Mr John McAuley added that he had been a vice chairman and during his tenure in office he did absolutely nothing.

***It was agreed to remove the position.***

**Item 14:** Proposed by Dick Richardson that the Association gives a donation to the Blind Veterans association

Secretary's comments:

This is a very motive issue, however, this has been proposed by one branch who supports this charity, there are a lot of worthy charities out there, and we could well open the flood gates.

We have just raised the annual subscriptions and the members of the NEC forego expense claims, in other word they subsidise the association, what are their reactions going to be?

At the 2017 AGM it was decided that we would stop the practice of giving the raffle money and service collection to charity's and use it for the Association.

We are going through a period of austerity, therefore we cannot afford to give money away.

If we open the floodgates, there would be a deluge of members requesting help for their favoured charity.

There was a long debate and it was reiterated that we had only just increased the annual subscription and we don't think the vast number of members would be best pleased if we started giving money away.

***Carried***

**Item 15**

**A message to the NMBVA NEC AGM - 06.10.2018**  
**from Dato Ahmad Tejuddin the NMBVA UK Representative in Malaysia**

Since the last AGM in 2017 I have attended two programmes organised by the British High Commission and the Malaysian Government on behalf of the Association.

1. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, I attended the official visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the CWGC Taiping and managed to be presented to the Prince and spoke with him for a time about the Police and my function in the NMBVA UK.
2. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the British High Commission held a ceremony at the National Monument in Kuala Lumpur and I had the honour of laying an NMBVA UK wreath in memory of the fallen.

I look forward to hearing how things are progressing with regards to John Measham ILO's proposed NMBVA 2019 Penang/Sarawak visit and let me know if I can be of any assistance in making things happen.

A bout of bad health has restricted me recently, but it is hoped that I'll be on form soon. Best wishes to both outgoing and incoming post holders at your AGM.

*Sincere greetings to all members,*  
*Dato' Ahmad Tejuddin*



*Kuala Lumpur*

**Item 16:** Proposed by: Grahame Bamford, seconded Mrs Valerie Nisbet that David Neil is made a lifelong Honorary Vice President for his outstanding services to the association.

Mrs Valerie Nisbet spoke about David Neil and his long connection with the NMBVA. He had been National Chairman twice and under the previous setup had been President and vice President of the association and brought the association through some very turbulent times. He in effect persuaded me to re-join the association after my husband died, I cannot think of a better ambassador for the Association. Carried unanimously

**Item 17: Strategy for the Future of the NMBVA**

Two stimulate the debate, points of view, Ted has put the following forward:

The future of the National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association.

All the under mentioned are suggestions and open for debate and will require reconstruction to our present mode of operation. I believe we are talking ourselves into an early demise by concentrating on one angle only i.e. branches and not taking into consideration the postal members. We have over 350 postal members. Branch members will decline due to members taking their last posting, therefore it is hoped that postal membership will increase, albeit not at the same rate as the decline. Nevertheless, it will prolong the life of the association. Many Veterans Associations are solely Postal i.e. Ex-Boys Battery R.A.; REME Association; Guards Para Association; and many more. Mode of operation: their committees keep in touch by Skype with one physical meeting per year, prior to their AGM and Reunion Dinner.

Increase communication and decrease cost. Do away with the "Keris" and increase the newsletters to 3 a year, dates of publications to be agreed. The newsletter will be A5 (see copy of Guards Para association). Costing: printing 60p, franking 41p per letter.

We keep 3 databases, 1 complete database, 1 holding details of those on email and 1 members without email. This will facilitate the speed of getting the publication out. I appreciate that some years ago we carried out a survey regarding sending out the "Keris" by e-mail, this being a full-blown glossy magazine. We are talking about a few sheets of paper, which I believe will be acceptable to members, especially if they realise this will be saving money.

Summary of the above: before closure of the NMBVA the NEC should look at the number of members, not individual branches, and costing.

When we are forced to close, the NEC shall have to arrange the laying up of the National Standard. I suggest that we try Winchester Cathedral. Once we have agreed and got consent from whichever Cathedral we are welcomed to, then we will have to decide; do we arrange accommodation for members, a Dinner the night before or just a get together with buffet, the laying up ceremony, what guests do we invite. There will be a lot of work and costs to work out.

Funds: a great deal will be spent on the above and at this stage we don't know how much we will have! I suggest the residual is given to The Not Forgotten Association, which have helped us out.

The above is only food for thought and once we have some sort of consent, I can start on the organisation albeit some time off.

Ted Williams (Nat. Sec. NMBVA)

Thoughts on the future of the NMBVA - Possible Prognoses: Malcolm White (National Chairman)

August 2018

Approx. Current Association Balance:	£21,000.00
Average Yearly Expenditure:	£12,000.00
Current Yearly income from Subs	£8,800.00
Membership, current approx.,	1270

Assuming reduction in Subs due to loss of membership.

We are an ageing Association, subsequently our numbers will exponentially decrease. Last year we lost 230 members.

Estimated membership

2019-2020 -300	Remaining 970	Subs = £6,790.00
2020-2021- 300	Remaining 670	Subs = £4,690.00
2021-2022 -300	Remaining 370	Subs = £2,590.00

Some Branches will cease to be viable and close as membership decreases. Possibility of increase in Postal Membership as some members transfer from closed branches to Postal.

Large cost items such as Keris, Xmas Newsletter and Insurance need to be reassessed.

Savings made by replacing Keris and Newsletter with A5 Newsletter £5398 - £1270 = £4,128

Expenditure reduced from £12,000 to £8,000.

Ability to carry on as-is with forecasted possible Income and Expenditure.

Possible.

Financial forecast

2019 - 2020: Reserve - £21,000, Subs = £6,790, Total = £27,790. Exp. = £8,000 remaining  
£19,790

2020 – 2021: Reserve - £19,790, Subs = £4,690, Total = £20,480. Exp. = £8,000 remaining  
£12,480

2021 – 2022: Reserve - £12,480, Subs = £2,590, Total = £15,070. Exp. = £8,000 remaining  
£7,070

At this critical financial point, suggest the Association becomes a Postal NMBVA with Branches running themselves and a NEC reduced to minimum; Chairman; National Secretary; Treasurer and Membership Secretary. NEC to meet just once per year, prior to AGM/Reunion weekend. Communication of NEC and Committee members to use Skype or similar. Information to members as much as possible to be via email and Association Web-site.

With this reorganisation it may be possible to continue as a postal NMBVA for a further 2 or 3 years

Possibly 2025

When membership makes it financially unviable to carry on, or NEC is unable to carry out functions, it must be put to members that the NMBVA is to be wound down. Prior to this point (possibly 2021 AGM), members should be asked as to how remaining NMBVA assets should be distributed when NMBVA is wound down. Suggest remaining financial assets be allocated to “The Not Forgotten Association”. They have over the years allowed many 100’s of our members to attend many functions.

This was discussed at length. Mick Smith, Nottingham Branch, suggested that we lay-up the National Standard in the church in Nottingham where it was originally blessed. Ted requested that Mick obtain full details, because several Churches either have no room or refuse for Health and Safety reasons.

**Item 18: Wearing of Medals**

It is against the law to wear any medals or replica medals that you’re not entitled.

I quote: “*while it is not an offence to own medals which have not been awarded to you, it is illegal under section 197 of the Army Act 1955 to use these medals to deceive (this act was superseded by the Armed Forces Act November 2006). The act makes wearing any military decoration, badge, stripes or emblem without authority an offence. It is also illegal to wear a replica “as calculated to deceive”, and falsely represent yourself as someone entitled to wear any such award*”.

The wearing of non-earned medals is disrespectful to those who have who have been awarded them.

The NEC will not tolerate this deception

Only medals that have been approved by Her Majesty the Queen are allowed to be worn on the left side, commemorative or relatives’ medals can be worn on the right side.

**Item 19: The practice of poaching members from other Branches**

This is unethical, but hard to police.

**Item 20: Change of venue for AGM 2019** from The Tillington Hall Hotel to Novotel Hotel, Bostocks Lane, Nottingham N10 4EP. Booking forms and programmes are in foyer

	Tillington 2018	Tillington 2019 Aprox	Novotel 2019
Gala Dinner & Entertainment	£38.00	£43.00	£35.00
1 Night Pkt.	£98.00	£122.00	£89.00 per person
2NightsPkt.	£147.00	£169	£144.00 per person
3 Night Pkt.	£194.00	£223.00	£179.00 per person

### Item 21: Keris magazine and Newsletter

Malcolm White, Editor of both publications. We have two problems, cost mainly due to ever increasing postage and getting sufficient material.

Suggestions:

- 1) Send it out by via the net. We have already conducted a survey: a) A large number of the association do not have computers, b) The majority of members prefer to have a hard copy
- 2) Send them to Branches for distribution. Again, that has been tried with disastrous results, because if members don't attend meetings they do not receive a copy, and we still have postal members who are increasing in numbers
- 3) Cut the size of the Keri's down to A5, but members still prefer the present size
- 4) Cut down on the number of pages and quality of paper
- 5) One of the original ideas was that Branch's, members, would supply the editor with current news, this is not happening

There was a long debate. It was agreed we would continue to send out publications, and the format etc. would be sorted out at the next NEC meeting.

### Item 22:



### NATIONAL MALAYA AND BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION NMBVA PRIVACY NOTICE

- 1 National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association (NMBVA) take your privacy very seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your membership and provide the services you request from us.
- 2 The information we process is your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, details of your membership of the association and military history. Your personal membership data is kept securely both digitally (encrypted) and in paper format and will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent.
- 3 Your personal data will not be kept for any longer than necessary and will be deleted if you no longer remain a member of the association in line with the NMBVA policy.
- 4 From time to time we use your personal information to enable us to send you the association newsletter and Keris magazine and to do this share some of your personal data with a third party who manage the printing and posting to members of such correspondence. Also, The Not Forgotten Association, only if you apply to take advantage of any activity they organise. The Not Forgotten Association will automatically delete your information after the event.
- 5 You consented to the NMBVA processing your information by signing the NMBVA joining application form.
- 6 You may request to see the information we hold on you at any time.
- 7 You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the National Secretary in writing at [tedwilliams129@aol.co.uk](mailto:tedwilliams129@aol.co.uk), but you will then be unable to receive services of the NMBVA.
- 8 A full database will be held by the National Secretary, National Membership Secretary and National Treasurer. Webmaster, Postal Coordinators and Branch Secretaries will only hold portions of the National Database appertaining to their responsibilities.

9 If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the National Secretary.

NMBVA Privacy Notice 2018

### **What does GDPR mean for me?**

The new GDPR legislation comes into force in May this year, bringing with it more rights for you as a consumer. It means that you will have more power to challenge how organisations will ask for, store, use and otherwise process your personal data. So any information that can be used to directly or indirectly identify you as an individual (your name, date of birth, IP address etc.) may constitute personal data and will be expected to be under stricter controls and protection.

What this means in real-life is that when you get asked for any personal data, whoever is asking for it needs to make sure that they make it really clear:

- why they are asking for it,
- the types of personal data that they will process and who they will disclose it to,
- what they intend to use it for,
- where you consented to the collection of your information, allow you to withdraw your consent at any time, and give you the option to not provide this information.

Once you have provided your personal details you will also have more rights than before to ask organisations what information they hold on you and to make requests about what is done with that information. These rights include:

- **The right to be informed**

This means that you have the right to know why your information is being collected and used. This should be communicated to you in a clear way before you provide any personal data

- **The right of access**

You will have the right to access the personal data that an organisation holds on you as well as how that information is being processed.

- **The right to rectification**

You will also have the right to ask for incorrect or incomplete information that an organisation holds on you to be corrected (rectified).

- **The right to erasure**

This is also referred to as ‘the right to be forgotten’. This means that if there is no strong reason why an organisation would need to keep your details on file (such as to ensure that they communicate with you about a service that they provide or have a legal requirement to hold the data), you have the right to request that everything they hold on you is deleted or anonymised. Anonymisation masks personal identifiable information so that the data cannot be attributed to a living person.

- **The right to restrict processing**

As a consumer you can also request that a company does not process (or use) your data. For example, if you have contested the accuracy of the information that they hold on you– they can store that data but they cannot use it until they have ensured that what they are currently storing is correct, and you are happy for it to be used.

- **The right to data portability**

Sometimes it can help to share your personal data across different organisations – for example if you are shopping around for a better deal. This rule means that if it is possible, the organisation that currently holds your data will need to share it in a safe and secure way. Some financial organisations already do this through something called ‘midata’. A good example of this might be if you needed to provide information to a price comparison website.

- **The right to object**

You also have the right to say no. You may object to an organisation using your details to market their products or services to you for example. Before any organisation can do this, they must make it clear what they are going to use the data for, and give you the opportunity to object if you disagree.

The above was discussed at some length. Mr Alan Ralston-Good, pointed out that the National should send e-mail using mode BCC

**Item 23: Election of Officers 2018/19 to assume on the rising of the AGM:**

Position	Nominee	Nominated By
Chairman of the Association	Malcolm White Sitting Chairman	Unopposed
Secretary of the Association	Ted Williams Sitting Secretary	Unopposed
Treasurer of the Association	Dick Richardson Sitting Treasurer	Unopposed
Membership Secretary of the Association	Bob Roberts Sitting Membership Secretary	Unopposed
Association Webmaster	Annie Burden Sitting Webmaster	Unopposed
Member of the NEC	Clive Boyles Sitting NEC Member	Unopposed
Member of the NEC	Valerie Nisbet Sitting NEC Member	Unopposed
Member of the NEC	Brian C Roche Sitting NEC Member	Unopposed
<b>Non-Executive Officers</b>		
NEC Resident representative Kuala Lumpur	Dhato Ahmad Tejudin	Ted Williams Seconded: David Neil
Regalia Officer	Annie Burden	Also Webmaster
Cenotaph Organising Officer	Don Mott	This is an Appointment
Postal Coordinator North	Bob Roberts	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator South	Brian Roche	Also NEC member
Postal Coordinator Overseas	MRS Valerie Nisbet	Also NEC member
International Liaison Officer	John Meacham	
Editor Of the Kris Magazine	Malcolm White	Also National Chairman
National Standard Bearer	Ms Debby Lofts	
Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance Organizer	Surry Branch has taken responsibility	
NMBVA Padre	Rev Roger Perry	

**Item 24: Polite reminder: Dress for Reunion Dinner**

Black tie with miniatures or Lounge Suit with miniatures or Blazers with medals.

We would be grateful if members would ensure their guests adhere to the dress code.

Wine reception in the Garden Suite at 1830. (There will be a photographer present from 1800hrs), members and guests to be seated in Dining room by 1900hs.

The Chairman and all the NEC wish you a very enjoyable evening.

**Item 24: Recovery of National Standard and Union Flag.**

Chairman Closes meeting at... 11:45 hrs.