

# ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



## THE SAPPER CHARITY

# NEWSLETTER #10 OCT 2024

*"Lifelong support to the Sapper family"*

Dear Reader,

Thank you to all those who travelled to Chatham for Corps Memorial Weekend. The attendance of the AGM and Annual Dinner far exceeded last year's. As ever the weekend was a great opportunity to talk to members and get their feedback and points, one of which was regarding [SapperCom](#). To sign up for Sapper Com, you just need your regimental or membership number. One last thing – As the nights draw in and weather gets grayer, check in on your fellow Sapper.

**Ed.**



On 29<sup>th</sup> September, members of the REA, serving soldiers and an InstRE rep' gathered in Chipping Camden to celebrate Second World War veteran Maj Ken Grant's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (Centre). Ken, who landed on Gold Beach, was presented with a Chief Royal's certificate by Capt Taff Smith and SSgt Rod. Thanks to all involved!

### BRANCH OFFICIALS

Please forward this newsletter to your members. There are some branch officials who are picking and choosing what they tell their members. Let your members decide what is relevant by sharing and sending this newsletter.

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SEPTEMBER 2024  
BENEVOLENCE GRANTED:  
**£41,151.40**  
THE REA ASSISTED WITH:

Welfare Flights      Brown Goods      Roof Repairs



# CORPS NEWS

21 Engineer Regiment have been busying themselves with WO1 (RSM) Price taking over from WO1 (RSM) Campbell CGC, a bit of CBRN (NBC) action and GPMG ranges



Air Support Wagons...  
39 Engineer Regiment have been given their recently received Mastiff vehicles a spin.



Also at 39 Engineer Regiment – The Lead Air Support Squadron have experimenting with their plant vehicles and the RAF's A300M.



Needless to say the Corps AVLBS (TITAN) are being worked hard over the River Beryl on Salisbury Plain.



54 Cdo Sqn along with the Royal Navy and US Coastguard recently seized an estimated £40 million worth of cocaine. [More info.](#)



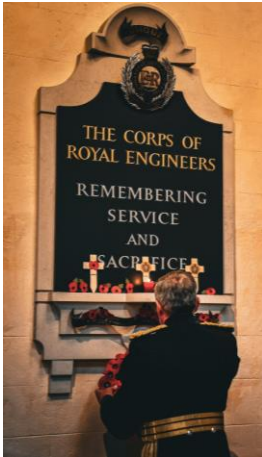
To watch the highlights go to – [RLC v RE](#)



Not to be outdone, Trojan has also been getting out on the Plain.

# REA EVENTS AND NEWS

## CORPS MEMORIAL WEEKEND



Thanks to 1 RSME Regt, particularly Lt Col John Newton, WO1 (RSM) Keith Stubbs and Sgt James Nugent for hosting, organising and assisting the Sapper Charity in the delivery of the Dove Cup, the Annual General Meeting, Annual Dinner and Freedom Parade. A video of the weekend can be found [here](#)

## Standard Bearers Competition



In a close fought (hypothetical) battle, Dave Hadfield (centre) regained the title of National Standard Bearer. Thanks to the Captain of Standards Rick Tootle for officiating.

## EVENTS

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Swindon Branch Annual Dinner**  
Find out more: [here](#)

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Chillwell Winter Ball**  
Find out more - [here](#)

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Plymouth Dinner Dance**  
[Contact Plymouth Branch](#)

**8-9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Birmingham Military Tattoo**  
Find out more - [here](#)

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**  
**Army v Navy**  
Find out more - [here](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Sapper Sunday**  
Royal Hospital Chelsea

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Army v RAF**  
Find out more – [here](#)

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**Gibraltar Weekend**  
Find out more - [here](#)

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**Armed Forces Weekend**

**19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**  
**Dove Cup, AGM, Annual Dinner, Freedom Parade**



## OFFERS

### REA MEMBERS OFFER



**Civil Service Sports Council.**  
All REA members are eligible to join the CSSC; membership benefits include free admission to UK attractions.

Details can be found [here](#)

## SAPPERS NETWORK

Are you or is someone you know looking for a change of career or a new role? If yes, have a look at Sappers Network – loads of career opportunities at the click of a button – [Sappers Network](#).

### FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE



The Sapper Charity has teamed up with Farewill to offer REA members a free will writing service with the option to leave a legacy to the Sapper Charity. Farewill already partner with Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and many other charities. To find out more click [here](#).



Visit - [www.sappershop.com](http://www.sappershop.com)

### REA MEMBERS OFFER



Trinity travel insurance offers for REA members.

To find out more go to: [TRINITY](#)

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[www.sappercom.com](http://www.sappercom.com)