

Contribution to Globe & Laurel

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Dave Lawton (P032249T) writes.:

Firstly a SITREP on Jim Rowan ; Jims condition is much the same and unfortunately the longer term prognosis is not much to cheer about ! We launched an appeal to re-patriate Jim to the UK as Penny's health also took a turn for the worse and is battling her own health problems , she will not thank me for going on , suffice to say the Mission is to get them both back to the UK ASAP. The Central Office of the RMA are helping with arrangements and Charlie Hobson has been his usual help full self. Living abroad has its pros and cons and unfortunately the rehab for Jim in a foreign language is very difficult , watch this space for other SITREPS.

The Social Scene continues and our WW2 Veteran Arthur (Uncle Albert) Richardson gave a splendid Coffee / San Miguel morning and delighted us all, with stories about HMS Ajax during the War and runs ashore in the Gut , the rest wouldn't pass the censors , thanks Arthur and next time you can tell us about other WW2 exploits.

Another of our Orbat has decided to open a bar after being retired for 10 years , Davie Barrie (RM 132315)has opened the Bar Le Tu in Torreveija , a small select group went on a recce in January and we can report it is an excellent bar catering for all the usual requirements 1. Full English (2 Euro) 2. San Miguel (2 Euro) and a refund for the car parking in the Marina. Good luck Davie see you at the Quiz night in March.

Our website has re-united old mates / oppos and I can recommend the photographs of the Members as a good " Rogues Gallery " . Check out www.royal-marines-association-spain.org . Also courtesy of our good friend in Australia Tony Smith ; we have some very good photographs of the Memorial Wall at CTCRM. Adios amigos.

Regards

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