



Royal Marines Association Costa Blanca Branch (Spain)

August 2010

The July meeting of the branch commenced at 1838. We had 29 Full and Associate members present and 9 apologies and three visitors.

The meeting was held at the Tu Café in Torrevieja . This was our last meeting at this venue as we move to pastures new next month. Our grateful thanks went to Dave Barrie, Jackie and the staff for making us most welcome for our monthly meetings and social events at this venue.

Chairman's Report

Phil Prince gave a warm welcome to everyone at the meeting but commenced with some bad news. Brenda Cowan, wife of Eddie Cowan had recently passed away. Eddie & Brenda had recently returned to the UK to visit family and where she passed away. At Brenda's request there were to be no floral tributes, but if we wished, donations could be made to her nominated charity, which was the Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund. There followed a minutes silence for Old Comrades and the Royal Marines who have recently lost their lives since our last meeting. There had been one reported fatality, Marine Adam brown, A Company 40 Commando, KIA 31st August.

We also remembered members of the Army who have fallen, and closer to home two Guardia Civil killed on duty with NATO Forces. Are thoughts were also with those Branch members who are poorly at the moment, Mick Smallwood and Andy Kurek and of course Eddie Cowan , as our thoughts go out to him at this sad time.

There followed a minutes silence.

The month of August had been somewhat quiet on the social scene; however this may have been due to members having friends and family here on holiday. The committee, on their behalf, had been busy looking at other suitable venues in the local area for our branch

meetings. The only venue that met the criteria was Sacko's Bar, El Limonar. Therefore all future meetings will be held at this location commencing at 1800hrs.

Secretary

You can find the usual information in the relevant trays. Note: The latest Newsletter from Central Office and a few emails outside the Branch are worth a read.

Treasurer

Breakdown of funds was available on the notice board.

Welfare

Jack reported that Andy Kurek was in hospital but making slow progress and Mick Smallwood is in good health. Eddie Cowan has made it known to several members that he will be returning to Spain early October. The President, Don Churchill made it known that he wasn't at the meeting as he was recovering from pneumonia. We wished him a speedy recovery.

Social September

Petanc , La Marina Sports Club. Excellent venue and a good social gathering. The rules took a bit to follow but added to the fun! Plenty of assistance from those that had played before, and the excellent buffet was appreciated by all. Well done Eric and his crew.

Membership

Currently stable. Please note: When you have the opportunity can you please confirm your telephone and email address with Maddie or Pete Hon Sec. Pete recently had to contact members and some had no telephone no and several email addresses were incorrect.

PR

Bert Moy was not at the meeting but has made it known to the local papers of our new venue.

G & L

2 Photos plus article in the latest issue. The web site is working well and it is due to this site that our latest member found the information about the Costa Blanca Branch. Well done to Dave Lawton (Spain) and Tony Smith (Australia) for the continuing work on the site. Finally if you have any worthy news then let Dave know, preferably with photos.

Merchandise

Bill has a new line in clothing! "T" Shirts in several different colours and with the logo of your choice.. If you don't like the shirts available , you can have your logo on shirt of your choice. The cost for the embroidered logo will be € 7. Also there are a few RMCTF wrist

bands remaining so if you require one see Bill.

Corps Dinner

A few more people have come forward to swell our numbers at the Corp[s Dinner where simple Spanish food will be on the menu. The restaurant will have transport available on the night so if interested see Jack Freeman. We would like, where possible, 100 at the dinner, there are places still remaining so if you have any likable neighbours bring them along. The entertainment for the evening will be the “Showaddywaddy Tribute Band”.

A.O.B.

EVENTS SPAIN

November 11th Armistice Day La Siesta Church. 1015 for 11am

Joint buffet (RBL/RNA/RAFA/RM) on completion at Los Arcos Restaurant

November 14th Remembrance Sunday RBL Orihuela Costa. Service starts at 1030. On completion lunch is available in the Olympia Restaurant €15 per head. If you require lunch phone Cathy Carson 666180112 or email. cathycarson@hotmail.com

EVENTS UK

October JE 8 Squad 50 years Re-Union. Details see Hon Sec

October 29th JE 31 Re Union Details Hon Sec

If you require contact details on these events see Pete - Hon Sec

JOKES

Sign on a hotel wall: Count your change. Some of our staff are in business for themselves.

REALITY is for people who can't cope with drugs.

Those who know it all upset those of us that do.

THAT'S IT!!