



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3<sup>rd</sup> March 10

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Brian Care, John Phillips, Pete Clarke, Dave Bowron, George Barrett, Roy Hicks, George Hopkins, Eddie Fenwick, Alf Manders, Tony Higgins, Rip Kirby, Harry Potter, Al Parkes, Mike Cole, Mike Holdsworth, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, John Browning, Dave Clarke, Bob Potter, Kev Lambeth, Ron Mason and John Mason.
4. The Chair thanked all for attending.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by Dave Bowron, Seconded, Pete Clarke, Carried.
6. **Welfare:** John Hopwood has recently had a stroke and this has led to further problems for which he is receiving treatment. John Duggan has been in contact with John's Daughter and he has suggested that if any member has photos of when John was serving (60s & 70s) that perhaps these could be forwarded to him. Bob Jones has recently been back into hospital with various infections and hopefully this will soon be sorted out. The branch sends its best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to all. It was nice to see some of the members and their wives who have recently been ill or injured once again attending the meetings.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie. The presentation of the cheque to Ward S4 at Selly Oak hospital is still to be arranged and hopefully this will be done shortly.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 10, 10:00 for 10:30 Hrs start. Meeting at the Dog & Doublet, Bodymoor Heath. Future dates will be posted on the Diary of Events page.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 7 parcels from the money they collect from the raffle at branch meetings. Brian and Pat have received 2 letters of thanks from RSM D J Howells 28 Regiment in which he wishes to pass on his best regards to the branch. George & Elsie Barrett are in the process of sending a further 10 parcels from the donation from the branch.
10. **Next Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.** The next meeting is the branch AGM and also the OGM if anyone has any nominations for the branch committee please make these known prior to the meeting. The buffet has been ordered and it is hoped that all members can attend to make their suggestions known and also to pay subs. Proforma printed below.
11. **SA-80 Shoot 23 May 10.** Names and deposits were taken for this event.
12. **Rotary Club Dinner 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.** Branch members attended this dinner where Lt Col Phil Wilson gave a talk on his experiences during the Falklands Campaign. An excellent evening.
13. **Any Other Business:**

**George Barrett.** George reminded the branch that this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Airborne Forces and he reported that there are to be celebrations at Colchester and Aldershot. George will keep the branch informed.

**George Barrett.** George has requested more information regarding the Help for Heroes fund and where the money raised has been spent. The site to visit is [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk) it has been reported that some £40 million pounds has been raised in the 28 months that the fund has been running.

**Mike Cole.** Mike and Sue Cole are in the process of organising another night at the dogs in April or May. More information at the next meeting.

**Steve Brown.** Kevin Lambeth has now started working at the Star and Garter home in Solihull

**14. Next Meeting: AGM / OGM Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs.

**15.** Deadline for the April 2010 edition of the **AEA JOURNAL** is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10. Please don't leave it until the last moment if you want anything included.

**W. Steve Brown**  
Secretary

#### Diary of Events

- 7<sup>th</sup> April 10 – AGM / Branch Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 299 Annual Dinner
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 10 – Branch Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10 - SA-80 Shoot v RRFs

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**Gentlemen** subs are now **DUE**. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) - 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

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