



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH  
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING**

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion  
5<sup>th</sup> October 11**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Roy Hicks, Reg Foxall, Ian Hendry, Rip Kirby, Mike Williams, Peter Pedersen, Eddie Fenwick, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Dave Bowron, Gordon Page, Brian Care, Tony Higgins, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Jim Hurley, Mac Nash, Barrie Aitken, Dave Clarke, Mike Holdsworth, Brian Fosbury, Ron Mason and John Mason.
4. The **Chair** thanked all for attending and especially those members that we have not seen for a while.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by, Bob Dorrell. Seconded by, Eddie Fenwick. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** George Barrett reported that there was no further news on Bob Jones.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Branch Christmas Dinner.** 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Elmdon. Roger reported that the price per person will remain at £27.50. Rooms will be £50 per room. Please order you tickets in plenty of time as they are going very quickly. Proforma below.
9. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Meeting at the Plough Inn, Shustoke. 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move.
10. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care have suspended posting at present while units are changing. George and Elsie Barrett have sent 30 parcels and also received many thank you letters. George also has had items donated to him and would like to pass his thanks to those who have donated money. A further £100 was voted to be given from branch funds. George and Brian asked that due to the time of year, with Christmas coming up it would be a kind thought for the parcels to contain some small games or playing cards and also for a Christmas card from members to the troops serving there. If anyone would like to donate any items or Christmas cards could you please bring along to the next meeting. **Note** if anyone intends to send parcels they are asked to place senders name on parcel to avoid it being treated as unsolicited mail.
11. **Veterans Badges.** Application Forms are now available through the branch.
12. **Remembrance Parade.** Bunny Brown reported that tickets will be made available to the branch for this parade at the Cenotaph. 8 Tickets will be requested. Names put forward for these places are Tom Carpenter, John Phillips, Kev Lambeth, Brian Care and George Barrett. Brian is now unable to attend
13. **Any Other Business:**
  - a. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny has asked for volunteers for the AEA AGM weekend Alan Parkes volunteered to drive the minibus but also needs people to run the raffle on the Friday and Saturday and also to man the desks assistance will be appreciated.
  - b. **Troop Aid.** Mr Al Sutton will be attending the next meeting to give a talk on the good work that Troop Aid is doing and how it is progressing. A good turnout would be appreciated.

- c. **Mike Williams.** Mike informed the branch of a “Forties Fancy Dress Function” at Birmingham Town Hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11 with entertainment provided. Cost £10 per head. Please let Bunny Brown know if you wish to attend.
- d. **Mike Williams.** Mike informed the branch that there will be a Remembrance parade at Shard End British Legion with a carvery lunch provided after.
- e. **Bob Dorrell.** Bobs son, Paul, will be doing a 250 mile Trek and Raft charity raising event in Costa Rica next year and asked the branch for a donation. £50 was voted to this cause. Paul is raising money for Help 4 Heroes. His employers, Shaylor's, have pledged £1000.
- f. **Roger Howells.** Roger informed the branch of a Burns Night Dinner to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 12 with entertainment and raffles. £30 per head, GENTS only.
- g. **Steve Brown.** Steve asked the branch if anyone had anything to raise at the AGM/OGM at the AEA Reunion weekend. Please let him know prior to 12<sup>th</sup> October 11
- h. **Dave Bowron.** Dave proposed that the branch meetings be moved from Chelmsley Wood British Legion to Shard End British Legion as in his opinion the branch would benefit from this move. A works party is to recce and report back to the branch.
- i. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny reported that he is currently getting quotes for a branch Standard. Early quotes are in the region of £600 for the standard alone but the branch would also need other items with it. Mike Williams stated that if the branch did move to Shard End Legion they would donate money to the purchase of the standard.

**14. Please Note.** Closing **date for** Items to be included in the **DECEMBER** issue of the Journal is **Correction** on previous date it should be **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011** not 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**15. Next Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 11** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

**W. Steve Brown**  
Secretary.

#### **Diary of Events**

- 15<sup>th</sup> October 11 – Commando Engineers AGM & Dinner
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October 11 – AEA AGM & Dinner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 11 – Branch Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11 – Branch Christmas Dinner
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 11 – Branch Meeting

