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helping ex services to help each other

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HELLO FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello again, this newsletter is the first this year. The previous newsletter was in glossy magazine format but we are returning to the old days with a newspaper look. There's a lot more in this one and hopefully a lot more to come. We are hoping that NESA will go from strength to strength and eclipse our heady days of the eighties

much good and got so far with our campaigning before age and illness put many of us to sleep. Admittedly, we are trying to form up, make plans and move forward all at once. There's still a long way to go and we ask for patience from our members whilst we are getting ourselves organised again. We really need members, sponsors and any-

-one able to help in anyway. If you want to join us get in touch. Our aims are the same - looking out for each other and speaking up when we want to about what we want to. No muted lambs here - we will all go to the shepherd bleating.



**STILL FIGHTING FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN:
EACH OTHER, OUR OWN & OUR COUNTRY.**

Arthur Lane (Chairman)

ARMING UP!

HQ NESA SOUTH (ENGLAND) BECOMING ESTABLISHED

NESA are happy to announce that we have begun to establish a Regional Headquarters which will eventually be in a position to administrate NESA activity in the South of England. NESA South will be based in Basildon,

Essex which is just half an hour from London. There is still a long way to go and the current interim committee there are seeking premises in order to hold meetings and also intend to offer a full time venue for ex services to visit.

NESA South want to attract as many members as possible and will welcome any committee volunteers who may wish to share in the running of the Southern HQ.

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TRAVEL CARD SCHEME CAMPAIGN

The National Ex Services Association were contacted by Kevin Bryant who had originated an online petition to the British government and asked to publicise his petition. The petition which ends in September 2009 pushes for something equivalent to the London VTC scheme to be implemented nationwide. The VTC scheme gives dis-

abled ex servicemen free travel on all London public transport systems. NESA have decided to not only publicise Mr Bryant's petition but to launch a national campaign for sick and disabled ex service men and women to receive free travel on public transport across the whole of the UK.

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NESA CAMPAIGNS

NESA CAMPAIGN FOR FREE VETS TRAVEL CARD

ORIGINAL PETITION

The original petition:

We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to introduce a nationwide scheme to allow disabled ex servicemen in receipt of a War Pension to travel outside peak times for free or at a discounted rate on all buses, trains and public transport services.

Member of BLESMA

Kevin Bryant.

Although this petition calls for implementation of a discounted travel scheme for those in receipt of a War pension, NESA is pursuing an expanded campaign to include all ex forces and emergency services personnel who are unable to work through either permanent or temporary illness or disability.

We are also asking people to support the original petition.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/WarPensioners/>

THE CAMPAIGN

NESA are campaigning for the implementation of a National Sick and Disabled veteran's travel card.

The city of London is currently offering a scheme which entitles concessions to those in receipt of an ongoing payment under the War Pensions Scheme or Guaranteed Income Payment under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

NESA want to see a scheme similar to this implemented nationwide and will be lobbying the government and local councils across the UK to support the idea.

NESA believe that free travel across the UK should be available to all veterans who are unable to work, whatever their age, whatever the nature or circumstances of any disability or illness and that this would provide some repayment of personal sacrifice and service.

We are therefore pushing for a new scheme which will encompass all British citizens who are sick or disabled, permanently or temporarily, have served in Her or His Majesty's armed forces or emergency services and not able to work whatever their age.

The military covenant should be put into action energetically as a vibrant and proactive element of British society and not just exist for politicians to fall back upon when it suits them. The military covenant should include the respect and reward of those who have served as well as those who do.

It is time to bring back the face of community and caring in our country - the building blocks of a happy and united nation. It is time to recognise the cogs of the wheel and not just travel expenses of the elite and let the cogs of the wheel move freely.



You can help publicise this campaign by sending our form letter of petition to:

Your Local MP,
Your Local Councillor,
10 Downing Street,
The major Political parties,
Media Outlets such as:
National & Local newspapers,
National & Local Radio,
National & Local TV,

The form letter can be found on
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You can also sign the original petition online at:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/WarPensioners/>

NESA'S BID FOR KL654 RECOVERY CONTINUES



VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO EXCAVATE CRASH SITE

Be part of an adventure with a purpose. A minimum of ten volunteers are required to travel to Malaysia for the purpose of recovery of materials and remains of British airmen whose plane crashed in the Malaysian jungle one week after the end of the second world war.

A crash site which has been totally ignored by our government. All volunteers will be required to pay their own fare and expenses in the region of £2,000 each.

, Digging equipment will be supplied and the search will be supervised by Malaysian professional researchers and historians. But first read their story

I sent this item to several newspapers in the hope that someone will understand what I am saying.

We have been trying for the last 60 years to have the government send someone out to examine this wreck and 26 others in Malaysia.

Could you help or publicise our efforts?

Contact - campaigns@nesa.org.uk

God bless you

Arthur Lane

LATEST NEWS

In August 2008 a second expedition was carried out on the site of KL654 by Shah Ahmad and his team. There were several more interesting finds but the most significant was the gold identification tags of Flying Officer John Trevor Bromfield from Cheam in Surrey. They were gold because he came from a wealthy family and he had decided to personalise his ID tags, rather than wear the standard R.A.F.

Also found on the site was a strange looking doll, that Arthur Lane a veteran of the 'Death Railway', has identified as a Japanese 'Good Luck Doll' that Japanese soldiers used to wear on their belts. This doll was quite burnt on one side which suggest that it had undergone intense heat that probably resulted after the impact. Other finds on the site included more fragments of what were identified as 'Human Remains.

As we had done after the first expedition we notified the Ministry of Defence at Innsworth. We also were in touch with the British Air Attache in Kuala Lumpur who agreed to do everything in his power to recover any more remains on the site and help us in any way he could. By now we were in touch with several families of those airmen who had been killed including the brother and nephew of co-pilot, Flying Officer Don Mason from Sheffield.

We were also in close contact with various members of the 356 Squadron Association including former Adjutant Joe Carberry and we agreed on how we should proceed. What we asked MoD for was: 1. for help and support to carry out a full excavation of the crash site. 2. To identify any human remains and bury them in the nearest British War Cemetery with the ceremony that they deserve.

It is our belief that the least any serviceman can expect is to be given a Christian Burial or one beholding to his or her Beliefs. The MoD seem to be denying the eight airmen of KL654 even that

basic principle! On 20th November I was invited, along with a representative from the National Ex-Serviceman's Association, to the House of Lords to discuss the matter with Lord Lee. There were also representatives from three of the families, they being the relatives of Flying Officer Don Mason; Flying Officer Ken Dovey and Flight Sergeant Jack

Blakey. The latter, the flight engineer

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**CAN
YOU SEE
THIS?**

SO CAN EVERYONE ELSE

**NESA ARE LOOKING FOR
SPONSORS**

NESA CAMPAIGNS

NESA CAMPAIGN FOR FREE VETS TRAVEL CARD

Please fill in the form letter to the right of the page and send it to either your local MP, local councillor, the Prime Minister or any political party.
You can find the postal addresses for all of these recipients on the inter net, in your local yellow pages or at your local library.

NESA SUPPORTED CAMPAIGNS

GURKHA JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

Gurkhas are fighting for Justice. They want the same terms and conditions as their UK and Commonwealth counterparts. Britain has had no greater friends than the Gurkhas. They have served all across the world in the defence of our Country for nearly 200 years. Over 45,000 died in the two World Wars as part of the British Army. They are still fighting in the British Army today.

You may have seen in the media that the Gurkhas have been fighting in Parliament and the Courts. Step by step, things are getting better - but there is a long way to go.

http://www.gurkhajustice.org.uk/about_us.html

Those supporting the justice for Gurkhas campaign are expecting a satisfactory result very soon.

A high court ruling has already decided that to exclude Gurkhas who retired previous to 1997 from the British settlement plan was unlawful.

During a long and passionate sometimes angry campaign for justice the Gurkhas and their supporters have maintained that the government has continuously shamed these British soldiers who have served and fought for this country for over 200 years.

ARMED FORCES PENSION GROUP

Our aim is to secure equality of pensions for former regular members of the Armed Forces who served for fewer than 22 years at any time to April 1975 and who were discharged before 5th April 1975.

<http://www.afpg.info/contact.html>

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LETTER OF PETITION

NATIONAL EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION

helping ex services to help each other

Dear Sir or Madam,
To whom this may concern.
The right honourable,
Dear Prime Minister,
Dear Councillor

I would like to ask you and those among your council to enter into formal consideration of the following:

As a British subject I request that as per dutifully bound by the military covenant that you employ any powers available to you and your council and/or executive body(s) to work toward implementing a **National** travel scheme for the benefit of sick and disabled ex service men and women.

The purpose of this scheme should be to provide free travel on public transport across the UK for men and women who have served in the armed forces and who are sick or disabled and unable to work - whatever the source or nature of their illness or disability.

The result of the respect shown by offering such a gesture can only be beneficial to national and community spirit and help work towards providing employment in administration which will provide wages for British people to spend or save thereby stimulating the British economy rather than stimulating the wallets of bankers, lenders and insurance companies in return for pieces of paper with gilt edges.

Yours faithfullydate.....

Contact details:

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CYPRUS MEMORIAL TRUST

To mark the 50th anniversary of the ending of the four-year conflict which preceded the independence of Cyprus in 1960, the British Cyprus Memorial Trust has been established to honour the memory of the 371 British servicemen who died during the course of that conflict with both a Roll of Honour Memorial Book and a permanent memorial bearing their names. Of the 371 dead, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines lost 28, the RAF 69 and the Army 274. The target date for unveiling and dedication of the double memorial is Remembrance Day November 8 2009.

<http://www.britishcyprusmemorial.org/>

KEITH PARK MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

"If any one man won the 1940 was Hitler's first major setback - and forced Lord Tedder GCB, Marshal him to call off his planned of the Royal Air Force, invasion of Britain. So we 1947 are campaigning for a statue to Park, the leader of the Royal Air Force 11 The Few, to be erected on Group Fighter Command - the fourth plinth in the squadrons which bore London's Trafalgar Square the brunt of the Battle of beneath Nelson's Column - Britain. The failure of Nazi a memorial to another Brit



ish hero who defended our nation's freedom in her hour of need

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IF YOU HAVE A
CAMPAIGN IDEA WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO FORWARD TO NESA PLEASE CONTACT US

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ARMING UP

NESA HQ SOUTH ALMOST READY TO GO!

According to the intended structure of our proposed development, NESA has established the basis for a HQ in the South of England.

The HQ which will represent one of four regional divisions (the others being England North, Scotland and Wales) is to administrate the activity of NESA in the South of England and is based in Basildon, Essex.

At the onset, an agreement with the Basildon branch of the Legion had been envisaged which would include sub-letting of currently un-used council premises from them.

The vision of NESA South chairman, Gregory Euston and other members of the HQ-South committee is to provide a licensed bar and drop in centre where ex services could go for advice, direction and regular social events every day of the week. This would not infringe on the activity of the

local legion branch who only use the buildings for monthly meetings and would also provide NESA south with an office to administrate the region.

NESA were dismayed to hear that the local Basildon legion committee were opposed to the idea before even being informed of NESA's intentions or proposals.

NESA South chairman Gregory Euston was at odds to explain the decision.

"The veterans in Basildon have no social venue whatsoever, the Royal British Legion HQ do not want to take on the building in question as a full time social venue and in conversation with me have expressed their approval of our proposal to supply the veterans of Basildon (including the members of the local branch of the legion) with social facilities."

The idea of a social venue and a bar which will provide a full time meeting place and venue for regular charity fundraising events is part of ...

NESA's vision of re-capturing the atmosphere which existed in the legion clubs years ago.

The current situation regarding the premises in Basildon (the triangle building) hangs in the balance pending a decision to be made by the local legion members.

As it is, NESA understands that the current Basildon legion committee is hoping to go further than using the empty building to hold their monthly meetings and apply for a once a month social event license.

Another spokesman for NESA South said that this is not good enough - the only benefit that would bring to the local ex forces community is to those who hold the alcohol licence ...we intend to do much more and offer much more ...we are offering something greater, something the Legion National HQ

have no opposition to and something that will be there every day of the week not only for Basildon legion members but

For ex services from all over the county.

NESA want to do this all over the country. We need premises to administrate the Southern region. We would gladly let the legion sub let from us to hold their meetings and hold an event once a month.

NESA (ENGLAND SOUTH) ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IF YOU WISH TO JOIN OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN OF NESA

NESA (ENGLAND NORTH), WALES & SCOTLAND ALSO REQUIRE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND WE ARE SEEKING COMMITTEES TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE, SOCIAL, ADVISORY & FUND RAISING ARMS OF NESA NATIONAL.

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....had flown with 625 Squadron on Lancasters and had been shot down on the night of 30th June/1st July 1944. With five other members of his crew he had baled out, evaded capture and arrived at Northolt on 18th August. He was screened but eventually volunteered for service in the Far East.

The meeting with Lord Lee concentrated on Remembrance and it was agreed that he would approach the MoD for a Memorial to be erected near to the crash site, possibly at Port Dickson. Also one nearer home at the National Arberetum. There was also a suggestion that the crash site could be classified as a 'War Grave' but that and other proposals have since been rejected by the MoD. Just a few weeks ago a doctor, who had been involved with exhumation and examination of the remains of Dakota KN630, visited the Malaysian Army Museum at Port Dickson. While he was there he was asked to examine those fragments that had been found at the KL654 crash site. He confirmed that in his opinion ...

**Team meets Lord Lee (top)
Team discussing direction of campaign (above)**



some of them at least were human remains. The doctor was asked to write and sign a letter to that effect but we understand that he has been prevented from doing so by MoD related sources. The 356 Squadron Association was officially wound up at the end of last year and many of the surviving airmen are getting old. They like all the family and friends of the airmen would like to resolve this matter before it is too late' If anyone can help us to recover and repatriate the remains of eight airmen who gave their lives for their country we would like to hear from you. you can contact me directly at joe@nesa.org.uk Or via the **National Ex-Services Association."**



NESA STALL IN YORK

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL GUILDHALL OLDER PERSON'S FAIR. 1st - 24th APRIL

York Council will be distributing concessionary bus passes at the Guildhall in York. Between the 1st and 24th April. NESA has provided an information stall at this fair.

You will find details about what we do and our aims and you can also take away a

membership form. There will also be a member of NESA in attendance from time to time who can help with any questions you may have.

DIRECTIONS

THE GUILDHALL CAN BE ACCESSED FROM LENDAL CONEY STREET, PARALLEL TO THE RIVER OUSE.



ABOVE: CLIFF PHILLIPS SETTING UP THE STALL

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ONE MAN'S LONELY STAND ON BEHALF OF US ALL

When I emailed originally outlining my intentions, I received numerous messages of moral support but only one indicating a willingness to join me. So I decided to "go it alone." First of all, I had to get the placards made by a local printer and that took several days (during which my determination to go ahead weakened somewhat!). But I concluded that I simply had to vent my anger openly, rather than just rant at the television and newspapers, and set off early last Friday. After a 150 mile drive

drive I arrived in the outskirts of Luton just after midday and really began to get cold feet - never having been there before, I couldn't believe what a large proportion of the population was Asian (mainly Muslims). I aimed for the town centre and parked my car in a multi-storey, then walked through a large shopping mall until I emerged on the high street. To my right was the town hall and sat down on a low wall to gather my nerves

(getting through several cigarettes in the process!). Almost everyone passing by seemed to be Muslim, and I obviously had no way of knowing which were the moderates and which might be the extremists who'd abused our soldiers just ten days earlier. I have to confess, I almost bottled out. Still, when the town hall clock struck one, I put on my sandwich board, held up the placards and headed very slowly up the pedestrianised high street. It was quite surreal. As I proceeded, people began calling out expressions of

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support and giving me the thumbs up, which gave me renewed courage and, after perhaps ten minutes I reached the far end where there was a piazza and I stopped there. (At a higher level above me were two television vans covering the trial of a man accused of murdering a policeman in the town last year).

I turned to face back down the high street and just stood there in silent protest. Again, people passing by called out in support and many stopped to take photos on their mobile phones. Some came up to congratulate me on making a stand, including the eighteen year old who was arrested but not charged for expressing his outrage at the abuse of our troops.

After I'd been there about five minutes, a police sergeant and two PCSOs appeared and stood observing as a crowd began to gather some ten yards in front of me.

Then a local newspaper reporter came up to interview me while his colleague took photos. A television cameraman then appeared and began filming some footage from various angles.

At about twenty past one, the policeman came up to me with his two colleagues and began noting all my details whilst constantly communicating by radio with HQ.

They then stood back several yards and watched the crowd getting steadily larger. (All - except for a few blacks but no Asians - were white, of course).

Throughout, people were calling out in support and several came up to slap me on the back, though one or two - BNP types! - I could have done without.

I had fully intended to remain there for a full hour, but at twenty to two the policeman approached me again and, in very measured terms, urged me to go with him voluntarily for my own safety. He emphasised that I was not being arrested, but indicated that the extremists had got wind of my protest and might be on their way.

I asked if I could stay for another ten minutes, but he made clear that the situation was potentially dangerous. Not wanting to be the cause of a riot, I removed my sandwich board and began walking with him ..

to a police van which had drawn up nearby. As we turned to leave, people began shouting "Why are you arresting him?" and "You didn't arrest those ragheads!", so I turned and called out that I wasn't under arrest, whereupon the crowd broke out into loud applause.

At the police station, I was greeted by the duty officer and taken to an interview room where we were joined by an Inspector Hitch (I was tempted to ask if his colleague was Starsky, but thought better of it).

I was given a cup of tea and treated with the utmost courtesy, while they noted my details again and enquired about my motives. They made clear that the town had become a powder keg since the events of 10 March and that several organisations had sought to parade through the town in protest at the extremists' demonstration.

I was pleased to hear that the leaders of the moderate Muslim community had also expressed their concern at what had happened. After half an hour or so, I was escorted to an unmarked police car which took me back to where I had parked and then led me out to the M1.

If I've achieved anything, I hope it will be to have made people realise that we can't bury our heads in the sand and hope the extremists will go away - we have to speak out and make those in authority realise that the British people want decisive action to root out the cancer in our midst.

For those of you who haven't seen the press report, here's the link.

P.S. The message on the back of my sandwich board said "MODERATE MUSLIMS MUST DENOUNCE EXTREMISM).

M.Crowther

NESA would like to thank this man for standing up alone on behalf of British troops and defending what we all believe in - returning to a society which suited those whose forefathers built it or fought for it or both. (in that society the Islamic protestors in Luton would have been arrested for incitement and not those who reacted) If using the term 'land of our forefathers' is too sharp go and arrest the Welsh!

WHAT A DEVIL!

One of the last of the Few, World War II Spitfire pilot Squadron Leader Doug Tidy has publicly announced his membership of and support for the British National Party.

I was proud to have fought for this nation during World War II and by joining the BNP, I am still fighting for the freedom and identity of the British people," Squadron Leader Tidy said.

Speaking at the latest BNP's Battle for Britain road show held in the South West last night, Mr Tidy confirmed that he was now one of three World War II Spitfire pilots who had joined the BNP.

BNP leader Nick Griffin expressed his thanks for the expression of support, saying that it was the sacrifice and bravery of men like Squadron Leader Tidy who serve as the inspiration for the modern BNP's struggle.

"We are proud to have men of the stature of Squadron Leader Tidy in our ranks," Mr Griffin said. "Our efforts to keep Britain British are enhanced and given strength by the support of men like him who have put their lives on the line to protect this nation.

VETS IN PRISON

WHERE DOES THE BUCK STOP

In 1999, I wrote a couple of letters to Mr. Jack Straw M.P. Then the Home Secretary and also my own constituency M.P. I wrote to Mr. Straw, because of my concerns about the 'high' numbers of ex soldiers inside the prison system.

Yes it is a fact that there is a substantial body of ex soldiers serving time in Her Majesty's Prisons. In one of my letters to Mr. Straw, I enclosed three newspaper articles about ex soldiers, one read: "Ex soldier quizzed on wife's gun death." The second read: "Marine kills himself on bomb anniversary." And the third read: "Husband blasts wife, her lover...And himself!"

I thought these newspaper articles would have made Mr. Straw 'sit up' and realize that there is something terribly wrong. Especially when these newspaper articles related to the deaths of 'five' people. But the Home Secretary did not think my letters or the articles deserved a reply. Since my letters to Mr. Straw, the problem has indeed got worse~ There has been other deaths of innocent people and all involving ex soldiers.

Take for example these other newspaper articles: — "Tragic soldier in gun suicide." And, "Life for Gulf veteran who shot fiancée." And "Gulf victim hunted as ex found murdered.

"Only recently in the news, is the reported tragic story of "Ex Guard wipes out his family."

The former Coldstream Guards sergeant, who killed his wife their two children and himself"

This catalogue of death goes on and on and the problem does not go away at all, in fact it gets worse. There have been many other deaths involving ex soldiers and their innocent victims.

What if more care had been taken of these ex soldiers who have served their country (and who it seems have been damaged in the process), at the time of their discharge or perhaps during their service?

Can only ex service men understand what service can do to men?

It seems to me that some murders could and should have been avoided. And some people who have been killed by these ex soldiers would still be alive today.

There are many more former service men doing time, who should actually be, or should have been, attending a psychiatric hospital for treatment. Honour the heroes by all means, but don't forget the stragglers and anger's victims.

Arthur Lane
Chairman NESA

ARMED FORCES DAY 2009

In the 1980's NESA launched and headed the campaign for a National Veteran's Day.
June 27th 2009 is Armed Forces Day.

If your organisation wishes to promote any event connected with Armed Forces Day 2009 contact us.
We will provide members, association and corporate members, charities, community groups and local government with adverts for free in our next Newsletter and on our web site.

NESA MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:
£10-14

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:
£150

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:
£200 -£1,000

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SAVE OUR SHIPS

A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS

SID ANNING IS A CAMPAIGNER FOR THE THE UK'S MARITIME HERITAGE.

10. 02 .09

FAO MARTYN HEIGHTON
NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS
LONDON.

Freedom of Speech & Historic Ships.

Dear Martyn,

My Mother's young Brother at the tender age of just 21 gave his life at El Alamein in 1942, for the people in this Country to be able to have free speech and to be able to say what they like - within reason. I bear his Christian Names. (See attached).

Over the years I have been campaigning for Historic Ships, I have spoken to all sorts of people, and from all walks of life, from Select Committees, Admirals, MP's, Baronesses - in fact almost everyone, about Historic Ships and the way they are being funded and administered.

I have also written on two occasions to many of the owners of Historic Ships about the fact that if Historic Ships are to obtain the recognition and settlement as other parts of our heritage, it's important that we speak with one voice, in order that we put up a united front.

To that point I have many Letters, telephone calls, and emails from people who say, "I agree with everything you say", and yet, when I ask them to say something publicly, and on my behalf, they always retreat back into their shells, particularly the Boat/Ship Owners.

Not wishing to be unkind to them as I understand the position they find themselves in, but this simply has got to change.

But they are not alone, as I have had plenty of support from those upon your own Committee, and from others well committed to the industry who will not say a word because as they say, they have a vested interest, either through their work, or through getting a grant from HLF, or their connections. Now that to me is morally wrong and repugnant. Why should someone who is hoping to get a grant say from HLF not be able to say what he thinks and believes in, and without the fear of them being penalised for future funding or whatever. That is totally unjust. Now, and no doubt HLF will say that they do not put undue pressure upon those wanting grants, and that may not be true, but it's this atmosphere of fear that many are under, which therefore restricts them from having their say, openly and with the freedom of speech that my uncle sacrificed his life for.

I believe that many of the individuals and organisations that I am writing are highly intelligent and very knowledgeable people; many with decades of experience within the industry, and in my view have very much to give for the benefit of Historic Ships as a whole.

But if they cannot speak, then how are those views going to projected into policy.

I would like to have a pound for every time someone said to me, "well it's alright for you Sid, you can say what you like, and nothing can be done about it". That is morally indefensible and unjust for those just because they have an axe to grant, have to keep their views to themselves.

We have spoken many times about setting up a forum, of which those interested can have their say, openly and freely, and without fear of recrimination from anyone. It's my belief that it would not be in my, or indeed anyone's else's interest for that matter for me to set one up, as I believe it would not be viewed seriously.

The place for a forum is on the NHS website - where it should be, in order to give it credence; but also because most of the information that gets circulated comes from your department, and therefore, any suggestions or differences of opinion should be directed at your web site and not someone else's, so that we can get some dialogue going and consensus of views going in order that you on the Committee can actually see what people want from you and the Committee as a whole.

You say that you are currently looking at redoing your website. Now, and in my view this gives you the ideal situation for you to set the forum up properly, and to encourage interested parties to give of their views, either openly or otherwise. Anonymity should be a feature of the website, but would of course have to be monitored fully in order to filter out any bad remarks and language.

There appears for whatever reason, a reluctance on your part to set up a forum. I can only say that ANY website which does that in my view has something to hide, and should have the moral backbone to stand up and accept criticism regardless, be it good or bad. It is not my job - but yours.

Martyn, we really have to get away from this situation where everyone is all fighting for their own piece of cake, and forever looking over their shoulders.

If Historic Ships are to get what they deserve, then its essential that we all sing from the same song sheet, and it's my belief that a forum upon the NHS website will do just that, as it will send a strong message out to those concerned that we have at long last getting our act together and mean business. Nothing less will do.

The web site as it stands is boring and uninteresting to me, let alone someone who has no idea of what Historic Ships are about. There is very little about policy, and there are no others views available but your own.

There was an occasion recently where I wanted my Letter published upon your website which was directed at the owners and members of the NHS, but you dug your heels in. That simply has to change.

Finally, when the Heritage Protection Bill comes up again, I believe you have a duty to see that all Historic Ships are protected, be they in a dry dock, tied to the dockyard wall, or sailing down the channel, and not just the favoured few as is being indicated which belong to Museums.

Yours sincerely,
Sid

P.S. It was 50 years ago today that I joined the Navy.

MOD VETERAN CARDS 2010

In the year 2010 the Ministry of Defence intend to introduce veterans cards to benefit those who have served in the armed forces of the United Kingdom.

It is reported to be a move meant at repairing the damage done to the relationship between the country and its fighting forces by the past apathy shown by government to the ex forces community.

The cards are intended to ensure that veterans receive priority treatment for NHS treatment, housing and offer some discounts on public transport.

These are the sort of schemes which NESA and other ex forces associations and societies have campaigned for in the past - and still do. It is believed that Autumn 2009 will herald the public announcement regarding the introduction of this veteran's card.

America and other countries already offer highly publicised schemes to benefit their service personnel - education schemes, housing schemes and retail discount schemes - of which there is a total public awareness of their existence.

The MOD already offer discount on products and services for serving and ex serving members of the armed forces through a private web site www.forcesdiscounts-mod.co.uk. Yet for some reason have failed to promote it or advertise it even half adequately.

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We would like the government and the MOD to ensure that living veterans from all conflicts will benefit from these cards and that the government will also inform those from the World War Two, Korea, Malaysia, Aden, Cyprus, Suez, Falklands, Northern Ireland and First Gulf war eras as well as informing current personnel upon their discharge of what is available to them.

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ABOUT NESAS

HISTORY



The National Ex Services Association in its original guise was formed in 1987 by a group of disgruntled ex servicemen from the World War Two and Korean War era.

In particular it was three men, Arthur Lane, Ken Coote, and Frank Ians who set the ball rolling. As they were based in Manchester and Stockport, membership gathered momentum from the individual regional associations at first, such as the Manchester eighth army veterans. Within a short time NESAS had gained notice nationwide and had accrued over 2,000 members.

Most of them had experienced a lot of things which seem irrelevant or distant to many people today, outside of Hollywood films. Obviously the things they had experienced left a mark on them all. It also left many with concerns. These concerns were varied and real. They were as real as any man would like to have knowledge of.

In 1987 they had had enough, sadly many old heroes went into pauper's graves having nothing but hidden hellish memories. The living were concerned that there was a misconception that these men had died being cared

for, compensated or rewarded.

These men and women decided to form an association with the intention of looking after each other. An association which would benefit its members and use any profits charitably toward needy servicemen's causes.

The original NESAS succeeded in many ways but it also failed. To quote Arthur Lane, the early NESAS was:

'A comradeship, without which many of us would not have survived'.

That in itself was a success.

NESAS also first lobbied and headed the campaign for a veteran's representative in each constituency which resulted in the appointment of a new government position

– the Minister for veteran's affairs, in 1992.

NESAS was the first to push for a Veteran's week in 1987 but wanted it to be nationwide.

With the JLCA (Japanese Labour Camp Association), Arthur pushed for compensation from the Japanese government which resulted in each survivor being awarded with £10K.

There were also campaigns to recognise the Porton Down and Christmas Island veterans who suffered illness and death due to the testing of new weapons and there were campaigns for justice for the unfortunate soldiers in Northern Ireland who were being accused of murder at the time.

Their generation was not assisted by the preponderance of charities which exist today. Combat stress was cured by coal mining. PTSD was forgotten in the factories - probably because half the men in Britain had it.

The Legion was not reaching many of them.

Many felt that the legion working on its own needed so much funding and administrative staffing just to fund itself that it was never going to be effective as a charity on the scale it needed to be and decided to

form an association to help themselves and to help themselves help each other.

Although some individual founding members of NESAS held negative opinions about the Legion, contrary to the perception of many from certain quarters, the initial and fundamental grievance of the National Ex Services Association was with the government and not the Legion.

The overall view of the founders of NESAS was that successive governments had turned their backs on those who had served for their country. There was a deep veined concern that the government had sent them to war and then dumped responsibility for military 'aftercare' onto the Legion and charity only to turn up twice a year on special days to receive the public limelight.

The old soldiers, sailors and airmen ruffled a few feathers along the way and still do.

But surely if anyone has the right to do so on such matters, then they did?

In the end, NESAS itself survived but did not grow. The smaller associations began to dwindle as the years went on and the original NESAS was put to sleep, a lack of resources and a changing world.

AIMS

PURPOSE

To create a vibrant and active nation wide organisation ran by Ex Services, the purpose of which is to help each other, and help each other to help each other in all walks of life.

Prime Purpose A (Charity)

A prime purpose of NESAS is to raise charity* for ex servicemen and women who are needy.

*Details of the proposed Charity Plan can be delivered on request.

Prime Purpose B (Association)

To aid Ex Service personnel in achieving what they deserve (as opposed to need).

To benefit Ex Service personnel by initiating nationwide programs and schemes.

Currently we are working on developing a National Flash Your Badge Scheme which offers discounts on goods and services to Ex Service and supporter members of NESAS.

We are also encouraging the publication of and offering support in publishing and marketing literary work by Ex Service members.

Prime Purpose C (Lobbying)

To lobby national and local government and to promote petition on such political and social matters which effect members of the Ex Forces community and their families. To campaign along side other existing organisations for the proper funding and support which serving and ex serving personnel deserve and need.

Prime Purpose D (Voice of the Individual)

To offer space for individual Members, affiliated Organisations & Associations and District and regional levels of NESAS to vent their concerns on subjects of their choice.

To provide web space and publication space for the complaints of the ex forces fraternity who are Members or Affiliates of NESAS.

Prime Purpose E (Affiliation)

To encourage a United Front with other organisations and charities with the same ideals, aims and missions. To encourage the return of unity and respect for each other and our country.

Prime Purpose F (Growth)

To encourage the establishment of useful and developing means by which the Ex Forces and Ex Services fraternity can benefit directly according to their needs and worth.

To establish such things as District and Regional clubs entirely for the benefit of Ex Services but not to challenge the Legion by incorporating initiatives in the business sphere or to compete with them on a level which could be detrimental to both the Legion and NESAS and the fundamental aims of both.

CHARITY

NESAS National Charity Program

We have seen a rise of independent national forces charities since the Falklands and the First Gulf War. Particularly now, with the war in Iraq and Afghanistan a number of previously non existent, vague or unknown national independent forces charities have come to the fore.

It seems that these charities are in effect beginning to establish a main frame of legitimate and worthy fund raising arms separate from and along side the Royal British Legion.

You may have heard of charities such as 'Combat Stress', 'the Gurkha Trust', 'Support our Soldiers', 'Help for Heroes', 'the Falklands Veterans Foundation', 'NI-VA', and other organisations such as the 'AFPG', 'UKNDA', 'Forces re-united' and other various advice and law groups.

Because of the background of NESAS from its origin and because NESAS can see and has seen the strain on, and infallibility of, a single major charity organisation such as the Legion, despite its good work; NESAS welcomes the formation of these 'new' charities as well as the further enhancement of the 'old' independent charities.

Although one of our strongest views is that government should reward and compensate its fighting men and not leave them to resort to can shaking (the money is there when they decide to go to war), we have a charity program of our own.

Our vision in regard to charitable status is to be eventually in a position to organise, and manage fundraising events and distribute this money to the already existing charities.

This plan is called our National Charity Program - details of which can be read from our website. The independent forces charities are in the best position to distribute any funds they receive from us. They are purposely created and devoted with that purpose in mind. There is no intention of stepping into any charity's shoes, especially the Legion.

We simply intend to give to them what we can raise. The intention is to let members vote each year as to which two armed forces charities and single civilian charity from a list will receive the charity raised by NESAS.

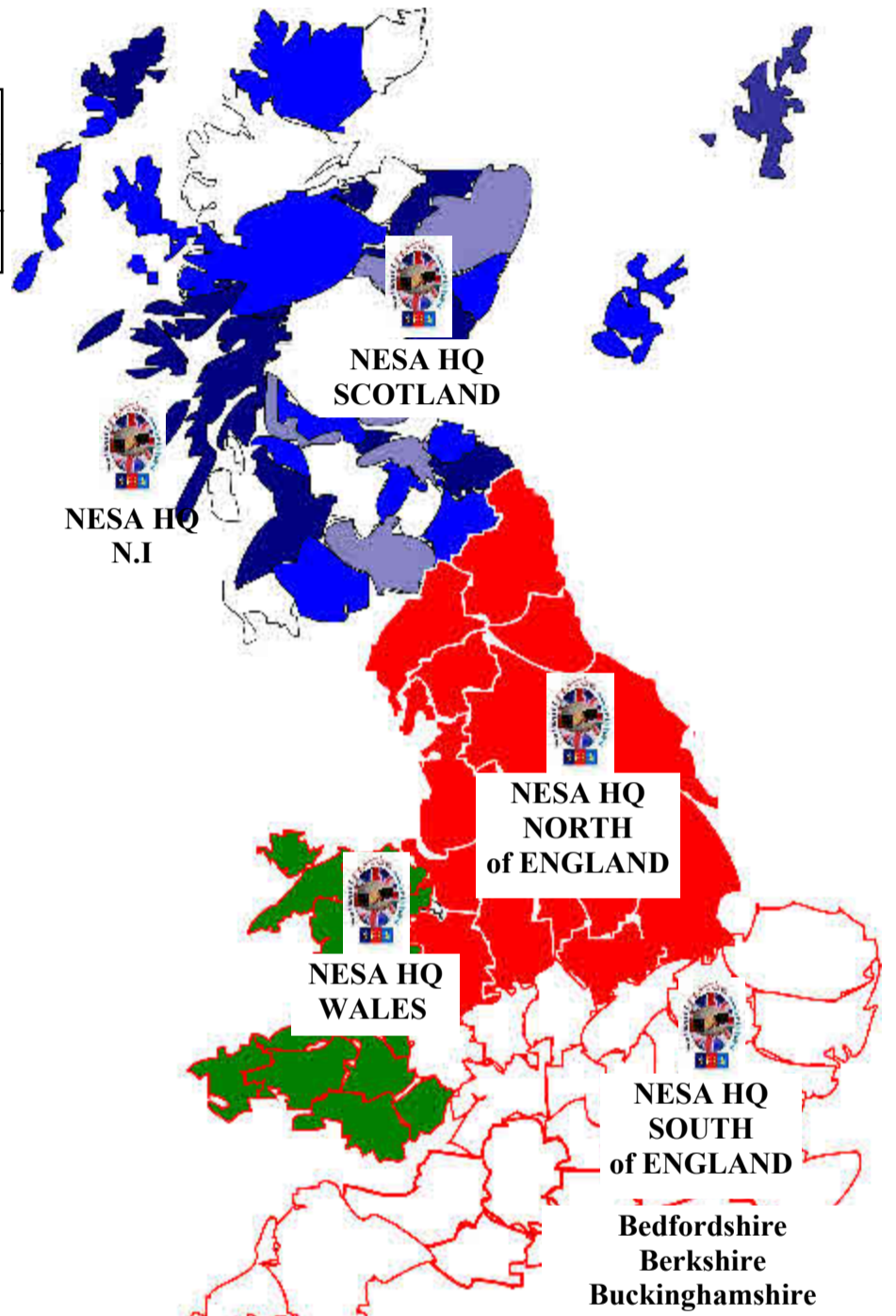
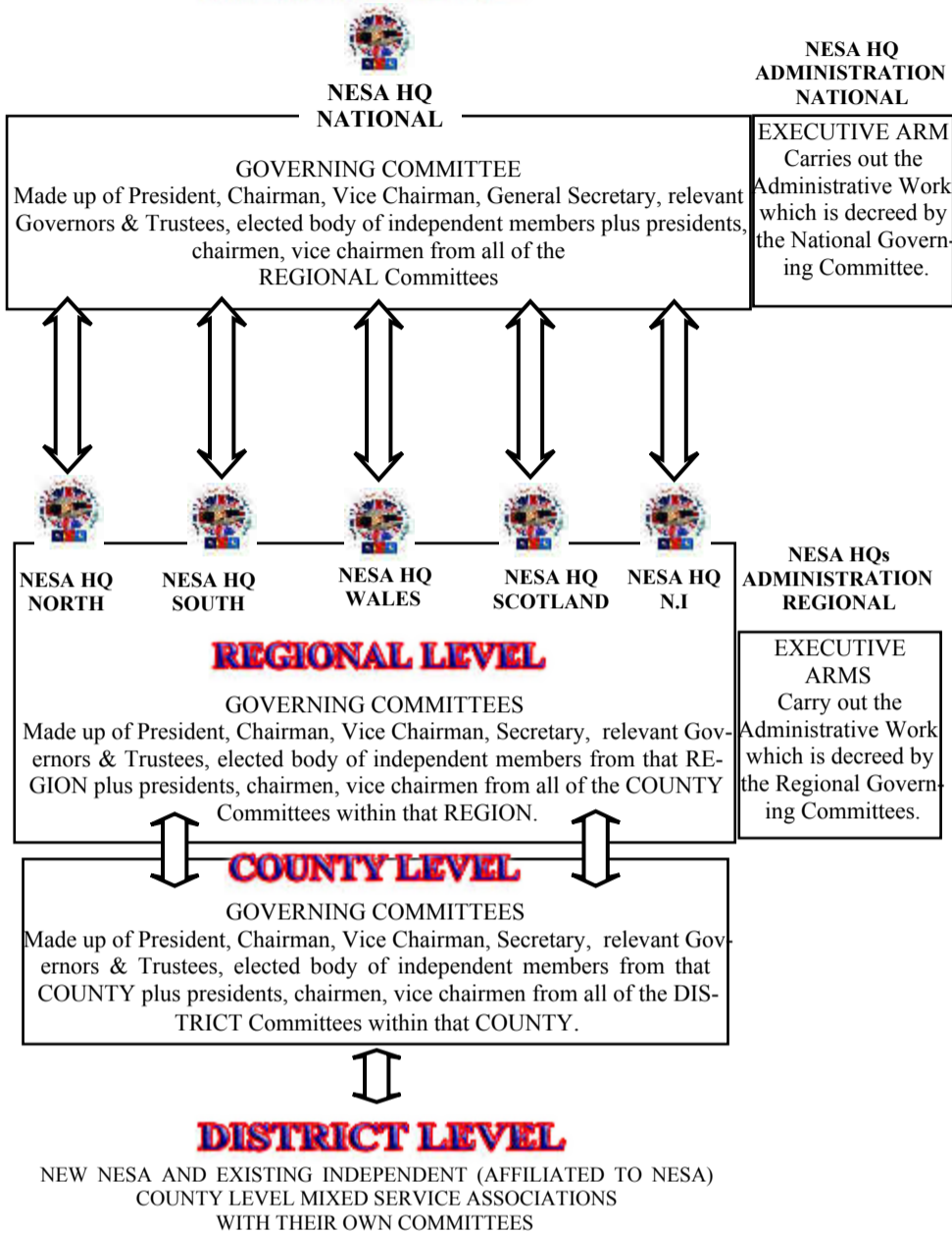
However, we can not reach this position without capital funding, sponsorship or without practical support. Initial progress will be gradual and will depend on membership subscriptions, development of our proposed structure and any assistance we can receive.

Currently nobody at NESAS receives payment for work. All work is voluntary.

ABOUT NESAs

THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF NESAs

NATIONAL LEVEL



- Bedfordshire
- Berkshire
- Buckinghamshire
- Cambridgeshire
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- Essex
- Gloucestershire
- Hampshire
- Herefordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Huntingdonshire
- Kent
- Middlesex
- Norfolk
- Northamptonshire
- Oxfordshire
- Somerset
- Suffolk
- Surrey
- Sussex
- Warwickshire
- Wiltshire
- Worcestershire

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

NESA has only one vision: To help ex services personnel get what they deserve, to help them help each other.

We can not predict the future therefore we can only plan what we believe is the best way forward to satisfy this vision with the intention and determination of achieving our present goals and any future goals set by those who join us.

The formation of NESAs according to intermediary goals is a gradual and progressive one. The current proposal for the structure of the association is one which incorporates a tiered structure of committees which are self governing according to a National and uniform branding, modus operandi and Governing Document.

Due to the nature of the organisation (Association of Members) all proposals are publicly viewable - NESAs intends to be fully transparent organisation.

Please note that the current version of the Governing Document is not finalised and will be under constant revision until all Regional Committees are in place.

All members of NESAs are free to communicate or tender ideas, comments, proposals and concerns to any NESAs committee.

All members of NESAs are free to apply for positions on NESAs committees.

Currently NESAs are seeking to form committees. If you are a struggling existing mixed service association (e.g Armed Forces Club - Cardiff) with an existing working committees or exist-

-ing mixed service associations with the capability to form a committee in order to form Regional and County NESAs headquarters.

We are also seeking the same to form Local/District and County headquarters according to the tier system proposed.

We are glad to announce that a Regional HQ and committee for the **South of England** is already in the process of being established as NESAs HQ South.

NESA HQ South is based in Basildon, Essex and details will soon be posted in publications in regard to their operations.

If you are an existing Ex Forces Association we can send out a copy of our proposal document on request.

We regret that we can not send it to individual members due to costs but it is viewable on the NESAs web site at www.nesa.org.uk.

COMRADESHIP

First and foremost, NESAs was always an Association. The other main aim of NESAs is to continue as an Association.

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CURRENT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ♣ A NESAs membership card & badge
- ♣ A Quarterly Newsletter.
- ♣ Free space on the Website and in the Newsletters to voice your opinions, complain, groan or applaud.
- ♣ Free space on the Website and in the Newsletters for your literary work (poems, articles, memories, books, stories)
- ♣ Use of the NESAs Flash Your Badge scheme to gain discounts on services and products.
- ♣ A vote in all NESAs general elections.
- ♣ Free or reduced price access to any NESAs events.
- ♣ Support and advice offered by the membership network when you need help.
- ♣ Being a member of a 'brotherhood' of like minded individuals.

INTENDED FUTURE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ♣ Access to the NESAs Website message boards.
- ♣ Free Access to NESAs facilities at Regional & County club premises.
- ♣ Discount on purchases from the NESAs online shop.

COMPETITION

FREE COPY of
Horace Jim Greasley's
'Do the Birds Still Sing in Hell?'



Published by Libros Publishing
Released April 09.
RRP: **£8.99**

An incredible tale of one mans defiance, of adversity and the lengths he was prepared to go to.

THIS BOOK CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED VIA THE NESAs WEBSITE.

The first correct entry will receive a free copy of the book above.

We can only accept entries from:

NESAs members or,
as part of a **NESAs membership application.**

Q1. The name of the general in field command of the British 1st Airborne Division on September 18th 1944 was?.

Q2. The name of the first British sea vessel sunk by the Argentines during the Falklands Conflict was?

Please send your answers with your name, address, contact number or email, and NESAs membership number or application form to
Membership, NESAs, PO Box 680, Stockport, SK3 3AB.

MEMBERSHIP

CALLING ALL EX SERVING ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING PLAN

Some membership organisations offer a ranking system where prices paid reflect reward according to a ranking scale; gold member, silver member etc etc. This may benefit organisations financially - businesses and charities etc.

However as an **association** of people with a common set of aims and objectives, an association which belongs to its members this could create a sense of disunity. As we seek unity and equality among members, NESAs being their association, a ranking system is deemed a negative step.

In order to meet the aims of NESAs we need to hone the structural organisation of the Association.

Both the fund-raising capabilities and proposed & progressive structure of NESAs are entwined. We are dependent on members and the number of members to meet our aims. More members will accrue more funding for membership scheme publicity and more funding for membership reward and benefits. We intend to preserve administration costs to a minimum, based around the material costs of membership and publicity (publications) schemes only. This in turn (we hope) will eventually raise an army of members capable and willing to be active in voluntarily supporting **NESAs campaigns** and **charitable fund raising** for **ex forces** causes.

NATIONAL EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR NESAs MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEES (ONE YEAR)

EX SERVICES **£10**
SUPPORTER **£14**

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PERSONAL DETAILS * mandatory

*TITLE *FIRST NAME *SURNAME

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*EMAIL ADDRESS D.O.B..... YEARS OF SERV-

*BRANCH OF SERVICE (please circle)

BRITISH ARMY ROYAL NAVY RAF ROYAL MARINES OTHER/SUPPORTER

*PREVIOUS NESAs MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IF APPLICABLE.....

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EX SERVICES **£10**
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I have enclosed a cheque / postal order for the relevant NESAs annual membership fee of £

I have enclosed a cheque / postal order in respect of financial donation to NESAs of £
PLEASE NOTE THAT DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL

EX SERVICES MEMBERSHIP

SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP

I would like to become a registered member of the National Ex Services Association.
By signing this I therefore honestly declare myself as being a **previous** or **present** member of His or Her Majesty's Armed Forces or Emergency Services UK.

I would like to become a registered member of the National Ex Services Association.
By signing this I therefore honestly declare myself as being a **supporter** of His or Her Majesty's Armed Forces or Emergency Services UK and their ex personnel.

I understand that my membership and all membership rights may be withdrawn and my name removed from the official list of members if the declarations I have made concerning previous service is untrue.

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*Signature

*Signature

*Date

*Date

BEFORE RETURNING THIS FORM PLEASE CHECK PAGE 8
IF YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS FALLS INTO A COUNTY LISTED UNDER THE REGIONAL DIVISION
NESAs ENGLAND SOUTH

PLEASE RETURN TO:
NESAs South, PO Box 680, Stockport, SK3 3AB

ALL OTHER ADDRESSES PLEASE RETURN TO:
Membership, NESAs, PO Box 680, Stockport, SK3 3AB

LIST OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

100th No association
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IS YOUR ASSOCIATION ON THIS LIST?

To add your Association to this list consider joining NESAs as an Association member.
A list of Nationwide Ex Forces Associations can be read on the NESAs web site.

www.nesa.org.uk

NESA NEWSLETTER **THE WAKING WARRIOR** IS DISTRIBUTED TO:

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CALLING ALL EXISTING FORCES ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS.

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The proposals in place for the development of the National Ex Services Association are dependent on membership of both individuals and affiliated existing forces associations.

We believe that the quickest and most logical way to achieve a resemblance of the foreseen structure of the Association, the association of its members, is to attract as many existing service associations as possible to affiliate with NESA in order to develop our capabilities. We also hope to attract Regional and County Headquarters from those existing mixed service associations which wish to join NESA or whom show an interest in NESA.

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS


- ♣ A listing on our web site in the Forces Associations directories - including one web page to advertise your Association details and events.
- ♣ Use of the NESA web site Notice Board to advertise your Organisation's Events, Campaigns and Appeals.
- ♣ A listing for your Association and its contact details in the Associations directory of the Quarterly NESA Newsletters.
- ♣ Use of the NESA Flash Your Badge scheme for your Organisation.
- ♣ A number of Quarterly Newsletters.
- ♣ Free space within Newsletters for your Organisation's campaign and charity articles.
- ♣ Permission to use NESA branding in your marketing and advertising.
- ♣ Three votes in all NESA membership elections.
- ♣ Right for any member of your committee(s) to stand for election for places on NESA committees.
- ♣ Being a member of a 'brotherhood' of like minded individuals.
- ♣ Each NESA newsletter also Features one Association in depth.

INTENDED FUTURE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ♣ If your Organisation is an Ex Services Association – one dedicated forum in the online NESA message boards.
- ♣ Free access for the members of your Association to NESA facilities at Regional & County premises.
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NATIONAL EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEES (ONE YEAR)	
ASSOCIATION	£150
CORPORATE SMALL	£200 (Up to 30 Employees)
CORPORATE LARGE	£1,000 (Over 30 Employees)



*Name of Association/ Business: _____

*Nature of Association/ Business: _____

*Name of contact: _____

*Address: _____

*Post Code: _____

*Telephone Number: _____

WE HAVE ENCLOSED A CHEQUE/POSTAL ORDER FOR THE RELEVANT FEE £

The Association/ Business named above would like to become a registered Affiliated Association member/ Business Member of the National Ex Services Association. By signing this on behalf of the Association/Business named above I honestly declare myself and the organisation I represent (the Association/Business) named above as being supporters of her of Her Majesty's Armed forces or Emergency Services UK and their ex personnel.

I understand that our membership and all membership rights will be withdrawn and our Association/ Business may be removed from the official lists of members if any of the information I have provided on this form is knowingly incorrect or false.

*Signature _____

*Position within Organisation _____

*Date _____

Please return this form to:
Membership, NESA, PO Box 680, Stockport, SK3 3AB.
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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Corporate membership offers the chance for UK based or UK marketing businesses to support the ex services fraternity through NESAs. In return we offer space on our web site for adverts and listings in our newsletters. It doesn't just make a difference to you by advertising your service or product but could even persuade NESAs members to choose YOUR service or product as a Corporate member which supports their causes.

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- ♣ A listing on our web site in the Corporate directories.
- ♣ A listing in our quarterly Newsletters and any other publications in the Corporate directories.
- ♣ A free advert on the NESAs web site – www.nesa.org.uk
- ♣ Quarterly Newsletters.
- ♣ Permission to use NESAs branding in your marketing and advertising.
- ♣ Free Admission to any NESAs events for three people and reduced admission for your staff.
- ♣ Use of the NESAs Flash Your Badge scheme for your Organisation.
- ♣ NESAs certificate for your company.

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TAMESIDE & DISTRICT EX SERVICES ASSOCIATION.

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At the invitation of the then Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Frank Robinson a meeting was held in Ashton Town Hall on the 10th January 2000. Several Ex-Service men and women were requested to attend. The objective was to set up a liaison of the various Ex-Service Associations in the Borough.

A Chairman, Vice Chairman and secretary were elected on the evening. Namely Wilf Dransfield, Maurice Taylor and Tom Rowbotham. Discussion took place of a proposed concert and Supper, with a Parade of Standards, to be held in the near future. The venue was Ashton Town Hall.

Our first meeting was held on the 16th february 00 at ashton Irish Club where John Dawson was elected as Treasurer. Our present title was decided on the night. The Concert and Supper took place the following May and was a great success.

We started to put on a monthly Benefit Concert to raise money for our member Associations and other worthwhile causes. To this end, since our inception, we have raised approximately £5,000 per year. Within two years, sadly, we lost our Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Their positions were filled by Ken Dalton and Fred Wakefield respectively.

We still meet at the Irish Club on the third Wednesday of the month. The meeting commences at 19-30hrs. Our membership is about 30 strong. We don't have any subscriptions. Anyone who wishes to attend only has to turn up and they will be made welcome.

Yours sincerely
Tom Rowbotham
Secretary

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All concerts are subject to change due to circumstances beyond the control of this association.

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Next to train station.

The Chernobyl children will be present at the June concert.

ALL ARE WELCOME

FEATURED CHARITY

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BLESMA (British Limbless Ex Service Men's Association) is the national charity for limbless serving and ex service men and women and their dependants and widows.

It is the charity that directly supports all our service men and women who lose limbs, the use of limbs or eyes or the sight of an eye in the service of our country and we are with them all whenever we are needed for the rest of their lives. Our work starts with rehabilitation - proving that there is life after amputation. Our work is about amputee helping amputee - the fellowship of shared experience. Our work is about life long welfare support, about campaigning for what they deserve and about being there when old injuries come back to haunt. Our youngest Member is 19 and our oldest is 99 - Truly we are BLESMA for Life.

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FEATURED STORY - MASSACRE

When the Japanese occupied Singapore, the Japanese military authorities became concerned about the local Chinese population. The Japanese Imperial Army had become aware that the ethnic Chinese had strong loyalties to either the United Kingdom or China, with wealthy Chinese financing Chiang Kai-Shek's effort in the Second Sino-Japanese War, after Japan had invaded China on July 1937, with other charity drives. The military authorities, led by General Tomoyuki Yamashita, decided on a policy of "eliminating" the anti-Japanese elements.

The Japanese military authorities defined the following as "undesirables":

- * Persons who had been active in the China Relief Fund.
- * Rich men who had given most generously to the Relief Fund.
- * Adherents of Tan Kah Kee, leader of the Nanyang National Salvation Movement.
- * Hainanese, who were believed to be communists.
- * China-born Chinese who came to Malaya after the 1937 Sino-Japanese War.
- * Men with tattoo marks, who were believed to be members of secret societies, specifically Triads.
- * Persons who fought for the British as volunteers against the Japanese.
- * Government servants and men who were likely to have pro-British sympathies, such as Justices of the Peace, and members of the Legislative Council.
- * Persons who possessed arms and tried to disturb public safety.

victims thrown overboard off boats

Yamashita instructed the Syonan garrison to cooperate with the Syonan Kempeitai, the Japanese military police, and carry out "severe punishment of hostile Chinese."

Soon after the fall of Singapore, Lieutenant Colonel Masayuki Oishi, commander of No. 2 Field Kempeitai, took over the offices of the Supreme Court building. Singapore was broken up into sectors, each placed under the control of a Kempeitai officer. The Japanese set up designated "screening centers" all over the colony. The blueprint was to gather and screen all Chinese males between 18 to 50 years old, and eliminating those thought to be anti-Japanese. The ones who passed the "screening" would receive a piece of paper with "Examined" written on it, or have a square ink mark on their arms and shirts. Those who did not pass the "screening" would be stamped with triangular marks. There were trucks near these screening centers to send those anti-Japanese elements to their deaths. The Japanese Army chose remote sites such as Changi, Punggol, Blakang Mati and Bedok to perform the executions, with the victims thrown overboard off boats or be machine-gunned to death off the harbour.

widespread indiscriminate killing of the Chinese population

At the behest of Lieutenant Colonel Tsuji Masanobu, who had played a key role in the organisation of the Singapore operation, Sook Ching was extended to the rest of Malaya, particularly Penang. In Malaya, especially the rural areas, however, the Japanese did not have the luxury of a working with a concentrated population in a certain area. So as a result, the army did not have sufficient time nor manpower to fully interrogate the entire Chinese rural population. Therefore, widespread indiscriminate killing of the Chinese population occurred, even though the Japanese made a show of screening the civilians and identifying the guerrillas.

After the Japanese military realized that they could not kill off as many as 50,000 Chinese, and that Japan's resources were being stretched with advances in other parts of Southeast Asia, the head of the authorities called off the killing on 3 March.

The Sook Ching Massacre cost the Japanese military administrators any chance of cooperation with local Singaporeans, especially the Chinese community. Unlike other places in Southeast Asia where Japan occupied during the war, Singaporeans did not view the Japanese army as liberators of European imperialism in Asia. Even though Singapore did not have a nationalist movement like other places in Asia because of the diverse demographics, the Japanese army was unable to exploit ethnic differences to their advantage.

Death toll

Due to the lack of records, it is impossible to definitively tally up the total number of Chinese killed in the Sook Ching Massacre. There are varying figures regarding the death toll—the range goes from the deflated official Japanese figures of less than 5,000 to an inflated total of 100,000 by the Singaporean Chinese community. Postwar trial testimonies, though, strongly suggest a total between 25,000 and 50,000.

Aftermath

government in Singapore considered the matter closed,

The Sook Ching Centre site memorial stands at Hong Lim Complex in Chinatown.

In 1947, the British Colonial authorities in Singapore held a war crimes trial to bring the perpetrators of the Sook Ching Massacre to justice. Seven officers, namely Lieutenant General Takuma Nishimura, Lieutenant General Saburo Kawamura, Lieutenant Colonel Masayuki Oishi, Lieutenant Colonel Yoshitaka Yokata, Major Tomotatsu Jo, Major Satoru Onishi and Captain Haruji Hisamatsu were charged with carrying out the massacre. While Kawamura and Oishi received the death penalty, the other five received life sentences (Nishimura was later convicted for his part in the Parit Sulong massacre by an Australian Military Court and hanged). The court rejected the Nuremberg Trials defence of "just following orders." The death sentences were carried out on 26 June 1947. Even though the Chinese community urged the British authorities to stage the executions of Kawamura and Oishi in public to ease the anger in the Chinese community, the British allowed only six members of the victims' family association to witness the execution. After the trial the British colonial government in Singapore considered the matter closed, and only demanded war reparations from Japan for damage caused to British property, much to the dismay of the Chinese community.

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FEATURED POEM

A message to all those who could not be at the Normandy Beaches. Remember the D Day Dodgers song and be of good heart.

The D-Day Dodgers
(Words: Anonymous; compiled and edited by Hamish Henderson.
Tune: Lili Marlene.
We're the D-Day Dodgers, way off in Italy
Always on the vino, always on the spree;
Eighth Army scroungers and their tanks,
We live in Rome, among the Yanks.
We are the D-Day Dodgers, way out in Italy;(2X)
We landed in Salerno, a holiday with pay,
The Jerries brought the bands out to greet us on the way.
Showed us the sights and gave us tea,
We all sang songs, the beer was free
To welcome D-Day Dodgers to sunny Italy.
Naples and Casino were taken in our stride,
We didn't go to fight there, we went just for the ride.

Anzio and Sangro were just names,
We only went to look for dames
The artful D-Day Dodgers, way out in Italy.
Dear Lady Astor, you think you're mighty hot,
Standing on the platform, talking tommyrot.
You're England's sweetheart and her pride
We think your mouth's too bleeding wide.
We are the D-Day Dodgers, in sunny Italy.
Look around the mountains, in the mud and rain,
You'll find the scattered crosses, some that have no name.
Heartbreak and toil and suffering gone,
The boys beneath them slumber on.
They are the D-Day Dodgers who stay in Italy

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GODFREY'S GRIPES

I am very old! AND WISE BRIGANTE WITH A SUITCASE

A long time ago when I went to join up, the recruiting sergeant told me that it was necessary to take a simple test to discover how clever I was. "Oh?" I said. "Yes" he replied in his broad Yorkshire accent. "But duun't worry the questions are very simple ... Ere's an exaample ...Fred wairs 10 stone and Tom wairs 12, oo is Evia?" Thinking it must be a trick question I replied in confused seriousness: "I don't know sergeant ...what does she look like?" I think the navy recruiter laughed so hard he had a flash back to Trafalgar and among the laughter I heard something like this: "Well that's the Intel corps out then!" I just hope the sergeant wasn't in the Signals. Anyway, after this harrowing experience I decided to go home and run the country from

THE TRUTH

NOW HEAR THIS!

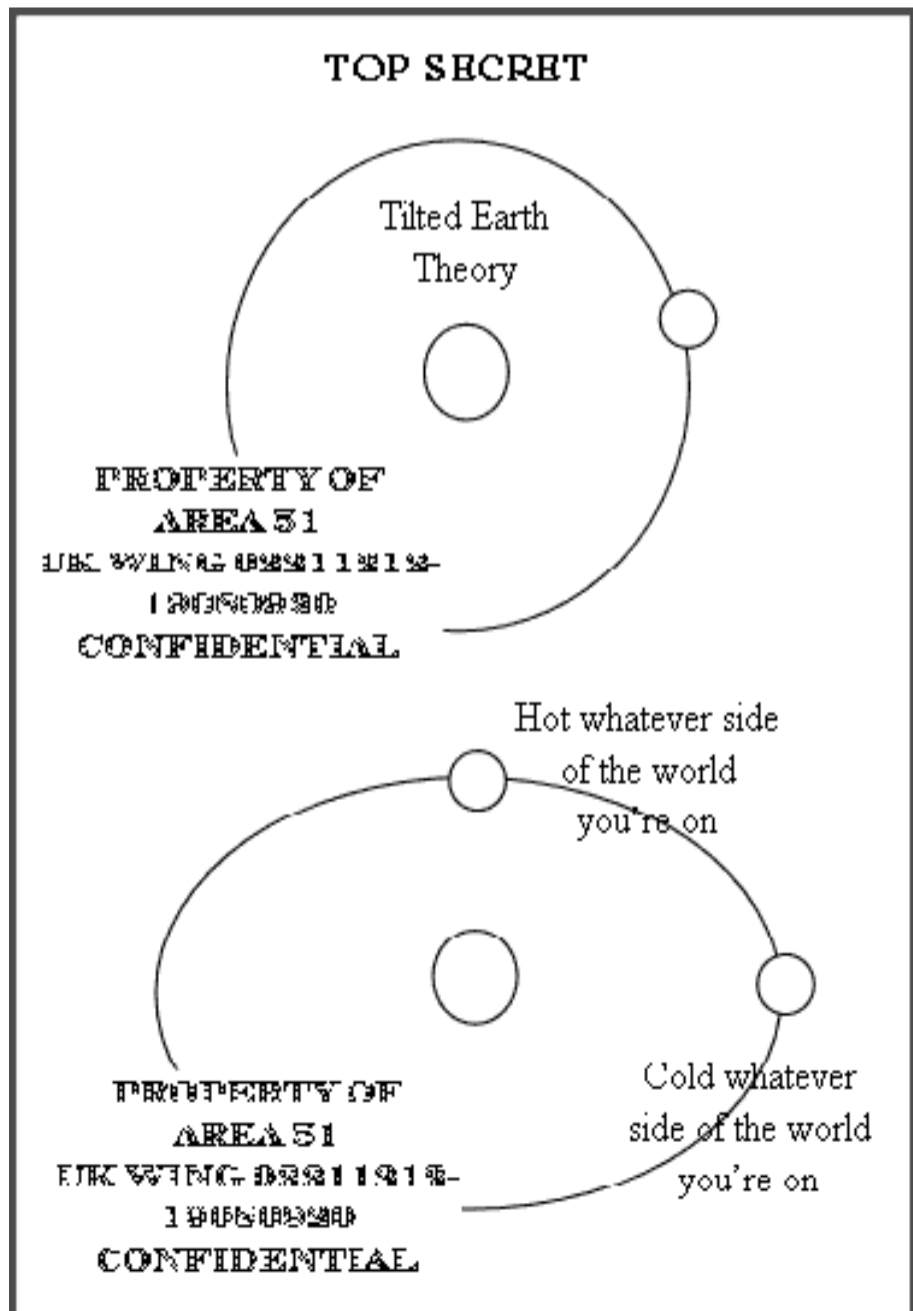
I believe one of your generation's pop stars (as if there's been any since Frank Sinatra), Liam Gallagher I believe it is, sings 'Damn My Education'. I also once heard an American chicken farmer say - "I know everything some of the time and something all of the time but I don't know everything all of the time"

Well let me tell you this:

DAMN MY EDUCATION!

I am wise and I do know everything, but not all the time, and I have touched on something which concerns us all. My spies have come back with a real 'live one'. As you know NESAs are written by people based within the British wing of Area 51 - 02211212-19080920 Wing to be precise. (A mouth full but it's bloody hard to remember). Well an operative of mine contacted me last week with these diagrams (below).

Now careful study of these diagrams, which were carefully put together by a team working on the relationship between Cider, Impossibility, Positioning, Space, Speed, Existence, Density, Time, Magnetism, Reality, Gravity and Light - (in order to understand levitation) reveal one thing! * note A (equation: $C = P+I+s+S+e+d \times TM / RxG-L$)



WE ARE BEING LIED TO!

We are told that the tilt of the earth is the reason for seasons on this planet and at the same time we are told that the earth's orbit is not circular but egg shaped. But my contact (who worked for Tefal in the 1980's) says this can not be!

Here is a transcript of a conversation ..my last ever conversation with him (I believe BT have this on record - I can not include the beginning of the conversation in which my contact claims that Daniel Brown has known about this since he experimented with herbal tea)

Contact: Godfrey ...listen up...if this were true there'd be two winters each year...

Me: I know what you're saying (name removed) but I'm on my way to Tesco's can you call back later?

Contact: Godfrey ...I don't think you understand ...they're blinding us!

Me: Blinding us? Get a grip inside man...wha..

Contact: It's the same reason that Swedes have the same word for 'think and believe'

Me: What?

Contact: Its true

Me: What is true?

Contact: they think we believe what we think and therefore we think what we believe....it's...

Me: Okay...caaarm down caaarm down...

Contact: God..they're all in on it....

Me: On what!

Contact: Wait ..someone's coming.....

Silence for 20 seconds and the sound of footsteps coming down a hall.

Contact: The truth is we've all been believing what THEY think!

Me: THEY?

Contact: THEM! They're here Godfrey.....they're really here.....

Me: Now come on (name removed) have you been eating wine gums again?

Contact: I'm sending you some documents via the usual route...make sure you look at them Godfrey..make sure! Tell the world Godfrey! Tell the world!

Me: Wait...

Contact: There is no time ..there is no time....

End of call among muffled screams.

Anyway after coming back from Tesco's I had time to think about this- before I believed it, I must add.

And by golly he's right!

The tilt of the earth creates a 'distance difference' from the sun - which is a fart in a bottle to that of an egg shaped orbit.

As an orbit of the sun takes one year that means we should be having two winters a year or at least Australia and Britain would have winter at the same time for a start. There's even a case for actually having two years per year (if your beliefs are Pagan) and it's only people who realise this that look young for their age - and I used to put it down to an easy paper round. Bloody hell!

Even though I spoke to this contact last week I found this obituary in the Times dated August 1999 (over 8 years before it happened)

In memory of William Sillee (ex employee of Tefal) who died 30 years ago on August 1999 while exploring Lapland for evidence of Santa Claus.

He will be sorely missed, especially as while camping on a frozen lake he tried to keep warm by lighting a fire which melted the ice. We never found him but we do still have the toaster which he made when he was a lad and every morning we think to ourselves I wonder what it's like to be in that sort of jam.

GODFREY'S GRIPES

THE PLAN

On Sunday last, over a [HP sauce*](#) bacon sandwich (£100 to [Combat Stress please*](#)) I managed to convince Prince Charles ever so slightly that this may all be true and he donated an aircraft carrier from the new fleet to my command.

I have re-named this carrier HMS 'Inturned Aggression' and it is using the latest Area 51 stealth technology which makes it totally invisible to the human eye.

You will find my recruiters in the cafe's, pubs, ice cream parlours, castles, hotels (in particular the Mount Pleasant hotel), motels, restaurants, gift shops, museums and tourist attractions and they will approach you.

So many people believe that older generations have a lazy time, well let me tell you ...Arthur spent all weekend running across the Pennines from north to south lighting the hill top beacons only to be told that yesterday's rain quenched most of them so please do not inundate him for application forms - go through my people in Conwy.

STAGE 1 - OUR AMERICAN ALLIES

I know Americans know of the existence of Scotland but I can confirm officially that North Wales does exist! And you are most welcome to come and join us. I will be working on a lend lease program whereby you lend us battleships and helicopters etc and we lease you cottages while you train with us.

Make your way to Conwy harbour (North Wales) immediately where I am training a resistance force.

STAGE 2 - TRAINING

Unit training involves chasing, tracking and capturing British fishing trawlers who may be catching too many fish.

It will be extremely aggressive training (you should be reasonably fit) and the British fishing industry is encouraged to play an active part.

Remember ...it's not what your country can do for you, rather what....you can do for the world banks.

UK civilian trawler men should expect to be man handled, made bankrupt and sometimes even sunk to capacitate training in order to save the world.

Of course, if a Spanish, French or Icelandic trawler should accidentally enter our waters with its nets accidentally dangling in the sea then the crew of HMS 'Inturned Aggression' will avert their eyes as the well known evil British stare may cause certain peoples/ races and nationals to loose a grip and fall over board.

Remember also, that - as the mascot of Area 51's British wing is a cat who is addicted to tuna then this operation must go ahead in order to facilitate the breeding of cats in order to build gigantic friction boards of cat fur designed to create static electricity which can be harnessed and transferred into power for the British home.

If that is not worth suffering for I don't know what is.

COMPLAINTS

Any British trawlermen who wish to complain can send their letters (with an administration fee of €45, two square tomatoes and a funny handshake enclosed) to :

Complaints

N. Dovus

EU this and that

EU Here and there

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**DON'T THINK ABOUT CONSPIRACY WEB SITES
THEY'RE NOT ON OUR SIDE!**

Because extra fish that are caught are thrown back into the sea to fall dead to the bottom to feed crabs we will be demanding that CRAB & CHIPS become the British traditional dish by the year 2012.

STAGE 3 - METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

Before the Cymry demand that my column be translated into Welsh I'd better point out that all complaints should go to Arthur... He won't be able to answer ~~any~~ all, because he's spending 49 hours a week in the Isle of Man learning Manx ready for the revolution. If this revolution is illegal then we'll change the law once we are in power.

'IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE'

How can someone working 40 hours a week making Jaffa cakes read all the books of law?

I mean, it's easy for a judge to eat Jaffa cakes while reading books of law but not the other way round.

FOR MY SPIES

Seeing as the British Army has publicised everything about itself on its web site (cementing my belief that everyone has really emigrated to Canada), I thought I also would use the opportunity to pass on some valuable information to my spies who are on active training in the Isle of Man.

I am adding to the list publicly available those units which the MOD has kept secret. If you are the original source of this information which came to me via a football chant from the Stretford End then let me know and I'll credit you accordingly. But don't tell anyone else until you've been shot at least five times by firing squad.

The British Army has upgraded in recent years and although this list of previously unknown units is not exhaustive you will have to work out for yourself whether I am a double agent.

INCIDENTALLY, CHINESE TOURISTS CAN BUY IL-FORD CAMERA FILM FROM MOST NEWSAGENTS IN THE UK.

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The largest unit in the British forces created in 2001.

The 2nd Marine Airborne Division (MAD).

The second largest unit in the British forces.

The Royal Grafton Regiment.

A Liverpool regiment containing ex members of the special forces. Experimenting with the new bouncer ejection mortars.

The Duke of Manchester's Arndale Rifles.

Formed in 2002 because of a surge in applications from young men with martial arts training and murder convictions.

The 701st Armoured Regiment/ Nuclear Unit Tactical Spearhead (NUTS).

First British unit in possession of the new hybrid Badon tanks developed by area 51.

The 6th regiment of heavy horses.

Old regiment originally founded by King Arthur and given new status in 2007.

The Welsh Border Guard.

Formed in 1998. In times of conflict acting as an armoured recon unit. In peace time cooperate with the 16 ships of the Welsh Coast Guard on smuggling detection duties.

1st and 2nd Elite Rangers. (Mountain Infantry) Le creme de le creme. Based on the isle of Bute and isle of Bull and recruited from all regiments of the British army.

2nd English Scots Regiment. (Light Infantry) Known as the haggis catchers until 1752

King Edwards own Cheshire and Pembrokehire Regiment.

The first unit of the British army to experiment with chip devices and the new computerised rifle; the ZXS 48.

They were to be amalgamated with LARD (Light Armoured Recon Div) but due to the situation of PAN (Permanent Alert Number) they are being frozen in training in Iceland.

Light Armoured Recon Division.(LARD).

Until 1789 the West Cymry Regt - known as the Dripping White (because of their ferociousness in battle (foaming at the mouth)) They were based in the city of Dulas in Anglesey but raised the city to the ground in 1894 during the famous druid uprising. Today, ex members often become Beefeaters at the tower.

I must add that the 32 Destroyers which the Royal Navy are building at Amlwch port are probably too large a number for the country to support financially but seeing the seventh aircraft carrier in 5 years being launched on ITN the other day made my eyes water. still think we should have kept the harriers, the new TBird Jumping Jack looks a bit too futuristic. The BU(IIS) -Hit Ion bombs will scare any enemy but the JJ can only carry two.

If anyone has heard any more about the truth of AWD. Animal Weapon Development and the story mentioned in the Times about the breeding of Black rats with armadillos can you please email me.

Likewise if there's anymore from Buna Zagabi on the story about USAF personnel leaking the truth about hurricane Katrina let me know. Buna, you said that when President Bush was hovering over the Atlantic with Dick Cheney in a USAF helicopter whipping the sea up to a frenzy with hair dryers a week before the storm that a FAA Lynx carrying Tony Blair was seen helping. I have it on good information that not only was PM Blair at Chequers that night but Cherie was using the hairdryer from 9pm until 9.30pm. The times don't add up.

GODFREY'S GRIPES

NESA CAMPAIGN FOR FREE VETS TRAVEL CARD

NESA's campaign for a free travel card for sick and disabled ex service personnel to be implemented nationwide is based on the military covenant. We believe it is odd to say the least that such a scheme was not implemented decades ago.

Any country which has leaders which claim to pursue internal peace, harmonious communities and a sense of unity and national spirit - the thing they call upon when sending men and women to war - should recognise that these things are redundant in a society where there is no respect - or at least little of it - apart from perhaps one day a year.

In an age when the city fat cats and their friends are lining their pockets with as much as they can lend to perpetuate the place of their own in the great nation of the dollar, NESA would like you Britons to cast your mind back to a time when implementation of such schemes seemed a foregone conclusion. That was - until they never happened.

The notion of nationhood (and those 'dirty words' - nationalism and patriotism - so often for so long incorrectly linked with racism and homophobia) is dependent on community, cooperation, respect and caring.

Without these principle elements of society there is no nation, no 'United Kingdom for the people in it - only for those who are rewarded for administering its benign existence or involved in taxing it's broken and drifting parts.

Just as the 'fat cats' reap cooperation for their grand plans, young soldiers from the communities, respect from their international peers, private health plans and travel expenses - so should those that did the ground work.

It wouldn't matter if soldiers, sailors and airmen willing to risk life and limb received wacking great pensions like the private executives which are appointed and courted into position by government - but they don't!

The military employs a lot of people indirectly. What would all the headlines of the newspapers have been like if not a single soul could afford the bus ride to the recruitment centres over the last few decades? (by the way I don't get paid). What would Land rover and British Aerospace have employed British people with? What would all the barmaids in Colchester and Plymouth have done with their gap years?

A little like the natural food chain, everybody in this country is intrinsic to everybody else. The layabout who changes the wheel on a doctor's car at the roadside might be saving a life, the bin man who collects your rubbish could be preventing an outbreak of the plague and the unemployed employ social security department staff.

Why do the worlds 'democratic' governments not see the value of their greatest commodity - their nation's people. And why do the world's 'democratic' government's economists not see the value in nationhood? They harp on continuously about the intrinsic importance of everybody's money and the risks of the effects of its misplacement -on the economy- for too long.

They've hoarded it and dished it out to lenders and banks so that schemes which should be national are fragmented through local councils who probably have to borrow - from the nation of the dollar.

In the opinion of many people - today's broken society not only fails to reward its people but rubs their faces in it.

**BROKEN SOCIETY
OF
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**WHAT COMES UP
RARELY GOES DOWN**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is speedily becoming the Broken Society of Banks and Lenders.

Perhaps there's too much work involved in administering a free travel card system for the government to handle? Perhaps the one hundred and fifty billion intrinsic pieces of paper bearing Her Majesty's head are better off in the hands of the insurance companies, lenders and international banking fraternities? Perhaps the problem lies in the detailed and intricate work involved in lining bonds with paper gold so they need to get the old ones back from the rich?

Or maybe a famous author got a word wrong in his literary work - "*there is something rotten in the state of*" "

This article was a pre-emptive strike from NESA.

For the expected correct and ever so proper version of our campaign see **page 2.**

GOD SAVE OUR KINGDOM HAVE I LOST IT? OR ARE WE LOSING IT?

I'm talking about our country

Just as with quite a few other nutty people that live upon this island I used to spend my thinking time wondering about things like evolution and creation. Lately my thought processes have changed. I now spend that time wondering if I'm the only one who has found the missing link. Yes sharks with legs are walking all over Britain and I keep seeing them on the television and in the newspapers. They talk a language which is foreign to me. They talk Economicish. I did some research into the place that they're from - The Nation of Economy, because I wondered why those elected on our behalf spend so much time giving them what they want. I discovered that our elected leader whom acts on OUR behalf has given them billions of pounds already and plans to give them nearly 200 Billion more in return for pieces of paper gilt-edged with gold. (This is without mentioning the contribution to the G20 trillions agreement). Apparently, by being in the hands of OUR treasury, these magic pieces of paper, obviously made by someone like Merlin centuries ago, will generate OUR prosperity and solve all of our problems, and the Billions of pounds we give away to insurance companies, banks and lenders will generate the nation of Economy's prosperity- a nation which is collapsing. But what I have difficulty understanding is, if all these banks, insurance companies and lenders who already have most of the money in the world are British then why don't they give us back the magic gilt-edged bonds for nothing to help us in the same way? I then realised it's because unlike the nation of Economy - we do not have space of our own in which to store the money. We have to unload money to make space for to store the relatively smaller volume of magic gilt-edged bonds.

Today, we (that's OUR country) have no dedicated military hospitals, we have British soldiers, sailors and airmen who have done the bidding of the mysterious system's rulers - begging and campaigning tooth and nail to a shameless and sloth like central government for pensions and the right to live here, for the right to build bungalows to accommodate wheelchair access, for the right to receive recognition for their 'work'. We have Indian call centres with access to all of our personal financial information, foreign technical call centres employed by our Internet Service Providers with the potential to monitor our correspondence, we can't drive a car assembled in the UK and the competition and scrap created by this 'system' means dog eat dog to mortgage a house (a home) which because little British money is re-invested in the British wage - more than likely will end up re-possessed by the 'system' anyway.

A lot has been said and written (rightly so) about the sacrifices OUR country (that means it's people) has made for everybody's 'now' - but what OUR country has been left with - when will that be reaped? Obviously only those to do the reaping can answer. But who are they? Where do they reside? Who is in control of our future, our prosperity, our right to sovereign control, who owns our land, who owns us? Who is the system and can we fight it?

Read Godfrey's Opinion on this (HOW TO RECLAIM THE LAND!) on the NESA web site www.nesa.org.uk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy 21st Birthday to Tom Jones
from Wales
Tom who is ex 6th Airborne tells us he
was 21 for the 66th time on 13th March
this year and is planning to go to sea as
a Somali pirate when he is 22.

Reading Borough Council are organising an event for Armed Forces Day on 28th June 2009 which will hopefully give local military units, associations and related charities the opportunity to showcase the work they do. They are offering a range of activities such as an information and fundraising stands, demonstrations, displays, talks, music, children's activities and other entertainment.

For details or to apply for a form to take part contact Reading Borough Council:

ARE THEY ON THEIR WAY?



Constantly fearful that the Front for the Expansion of the Faroe Islands could invade at any time a NESAs member whilst on holiday was shocked when he was confronted with this sight whilst passing.
Convinced that FEFI had chosen winter to land when there would be few people about and that a FEFI commando was coming ashore to prep the beachhead, the NESAs member was about to call in an air strike or at least call his mum until the man declared himself as Dennis (Ex East Yorks regt) and explained that his boat was very very small.

WHEEL CHAIR APPEAL

Dear NESAs

I am an ex-RAF serviceman and contacting you as I am looking for a assistance to purchase a Wheelchair Rugby Wheelchair. I don't want to bore you with detail but I am hoping to find help financially, I know there are many other people wanting help, hence, I don't want you to pay for it all, but help towards the total cost would be super.

Cost - £3500.00 approx.

Reason: I have a motorbike accident in 1992 whilst serving. Broke neck and back. Turned into fat boy. Found wheelchair rugby 6 months ago and I have lost 3 Stone and feel great. We were borrowing chairs from GBWCR (GB Wheelchair Rugby Assoc.) but they are recalled for further development.

I hope you can help. I have generated £500 from friends and family and am trying to find other avenues of support, I understand if you have other commitments.

I look forward to your reply.

Stephen

Tel. 07970 958684

NESAs SEEKING SPONSORS

IF YOU ARE A COMPANY WISHING TO SPONSOR NESAs IN RETURN FOR ADVERTISING IN THE WAKING WARRIOR OR ON THE NESAs WEBSITE PLEASE CONTACT US.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION IN THE FLASH YOUR BADGE SCHEME ARE SEPARATE FROM SPONSORSHIP.

NESAs SEEKING TENDERS FTO RAISE FUNDS IN OUR NAME

IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN PLAN, ORGANISE AND MANAGE LARGE FUNDRAISING PROJECTS USING YOUR OWN CAPITAL IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NESAs AND ITS OBJECTIVES WE CAN OFFER YOU A CAPPED BURSARY FROM YOUR 'PROFITS'. PLEASE CONTACT US.

TABLE SOUGHT

Millions of British people are looking for a table.

The table was lost some 1,600 years ago.

It is round and made of British oak.

The table was very big and could seat many warriors at meeting. The last time it was seen was shortly before some knights fell asleep in a cave before it was replaced by a cheap imitation copy of a soft toy monster which looked something like zippy from rainbow.

The table which was used to discuss the great issues of the British people is similar in design to the one which the Muslim Council for Great Britain, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Human Rights movement possess.

If anyone thinks they know of the existence of such a table please broadcast it's whereabouts in coded language and very quietly and/or take advice from a solicitor.

Do not inform the Vortigern party - they are not interested and might order your arrest after consultation with the Darklord in the west. We need this table to discuss among other things whether twenty five million kebab shops should be invited to dominate the towns of Europe.

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However, with Singapore gaining independence from British colonial rule, the Chinese community began a new wave of anti-Japanese resentment and demanded reparations and an apology from Japan. The Foreign Ministry of Japan denied Singapore's request in 1963, stating the San Francisco Treaty of 1951 settled the issue of reparation with Britain, and therefore, the colony of Singapore. However, then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew responded by saying that the British colonial government did not represent the voice of the people of Singapore. The Chinese staged a boycott of Japanese goods in September 1963, even though it only lasted seven days.

With Singapore's declaring independence from Malaysia on 9 August, 1965, the Government of Singapore made another request to Japan for reparation and an apology. In 25 October 1966, Japan agreed to pay \$50 million in compensation, half as a grant and the other half as a loan. However, the compensation package did not come with an official apology.

DONATIONS

NESAs are grateful for any donations we receive.

We use all of our income toward achieving the aims and goals of NESAs.

Currently, we are seeking funds to help develop the structure of NESAs and to be able to continue to publicise the campaigns and services which we offer or support.

Without your membership or donation NESAs would fail.

If you feel that you can, or would, like to help us to reach those ex service men and women, and those who can help them (us), please fill in the donation form below.

GIFT DONATION FORM

Return To:

NESAs,

PO Box 680,

Stockport,

Cheshire, SK3 3AB

I wish to make a financial donation toward the **National Ex Services Association** for the purpose of benefiting the charitable aims of the Association. NESAs has my permission to use this donation in order to achieve or work toward achieving the goals stated as NESAs's AIMS.

*These can be read in the [ABOUT NESAs](#) section of the Newsletters and Web site.

I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHEQUE/POSTAL ORDER FOR THE AMOUNT OF:

Signed

£

Date

PLEASE ENTER YOUR DETAILS BELOW IN BLOCK CAPITALS

FULL NAME:

ADDRESS:

POST CODE:

COUNTRY:

TRYING TO TRACE A SONG

I'm looking for a recording, i.e. MP3 of a song I sang in primary school 60 years or so ago.

I believe that Elgar wrote the music and it was used for this with the words from someone else.

Here are the words.

Any info would be appreciated Ken B.

Song of Liberty

Fight for freedom, ev'ryone,
Build the ship and man the gun,
Do as you have never done
To set the peoples free.

We, the few, the happy free,
Will fly the flags of Liberty,
Blow the horns of Liberty!
Till the world is free.

All men must be free,
March for Liberty with me;
Brutes and braggarts may
Have their little day,
We shall never bow the knee.

God is drawing His sword,
We are marching with the Lord,
Sing then, brother, sing,
Giving ev'rything,
All you are and hope to be,
To set the peoples free.

Wake and watch and work and win,
Fight and farm and sew and spin,
Fall the faithful people in
To set the peoples free.

But the day the battle's won,
Never say the fight is done,
Make the world a better one,
When the world is free.

All men must be free...

A P Herbert

APPEAL

Packages for Afghanistan

From the

[Royal Naval Association](#)

From REV. PETER SCOTT RN

Postage of parcels to the troops in Afghanistan is **free** [if under 2 kgs] -we are appealing for paperbacks, DVDs and sweets. If anyone feels so inclined these items are in great demand and make a difference to the lads and girls here- I can ensure that they get distributed all around the province. Books should be the sort the lads would like- ie. not mills and boon! Sweets should be the sort that come wrapped - eg toffees etc.

Please send to:- The Rev. Peter Scott RN
Chaplain
Cdo Log Regt
Bastion 2
BFPO 792

APPEAL

In 1955 or 6 an RAF Dakota crashed while attempting to give me an airdrop in deep jungle in North Malaya. There were 9 airmen on board who were all burnt to death. We were unable to recover the bodies. If this is of interest to you, please call me on 0161 486 0973. Bob Lamond.

Today I received the above E mail in response to the story in the Manchester evening news paper.

I contacted the sender who informed me that he had been an officer serving with the Malay regiment. He cannot remember if it was in 1955 or 1956 when he was with his platoon on a recce, they had run out of food and had called for a supply drop. They marked a DZ in preparation. The following day a Dakota flew over the side of the Lozenge a hillside in Ipoh and gave the necessary call signs and an agreement to drop supplies. It then vanished from site, there was a loud crash and a plume of smoke. He took his group up the hill side guided by the smoke and flame. When they arrived they could see that the plane had crashed and set fire they were unable to perform any rescue or recover any supplies. As the flames diminished they could see several bodies and counted nine in total.

A call was made to base and they were asked to recover the remains. Not having any form of digging equipment or means of carrying a body, the victims were left. The accident was reported in the Straits Times.

Can you assist in this, provide info etc.

Can you help?

Arthur

A letter of thanks, worth far more than medals and decorations

Arthur

Thank you for your e-mail with Sue Raftree of the MODs contact details you don't know how happy you will have made the sister's and family of Cpl Phillip Bryant by your help, the initial was it appears in NMBVA report incorrect "F" we are so pleased to say, And now with your help it would seem at last his family will have closure after 58 years. I have attached a copy of her e-mail to me for your information. I will of course update you of the final outcome when his sister my wife's friend speaks to Sue Raftree and learns the details of what's now taking place from the MOD.

Thank you from me and the family of Cpl Phillip Bryant RASC.

Regards

John Filkins.

HELP WITH RESEARCH

Who would you be so kind in assisting me in find out which German army units were stationed in the Aegean island of Chios during the occupation. Thank you Robert it's the unit insignias for softskin vehicles I am focusing on. BOBBY

ALLIED SPECIAL FORCES MEMORIAL GROVE

Dear All,

The time has come for us all to go on parade again. This time not on the drill square but at the Allied Special Forces Grove where on the 19th. July 2009 we will be commemorating those that lost their lives and those that fought at Mirbat 37 years ago.

Soldiers of 22 SAS, Dhofar Gendarmerie and Firqat forces were killed and injured in an epic battle.

So be on parade before 1230pm., or come and give a hand to set up. Any donations towards the cost of this event would be most welcome

Regards,

Mike Colton



NESA HQ SOUTH

THE SOUTHERN HQ OF NESAs
(BASED IN THE BASILDON DISTRICT)
ARE

SEEKING PERMANENT PREMISES.

We are looking for permanent premises in which we can hold meetings, events and social evenings

The Association is looking for an Association Chaplain. If you have any one in mind please either let me or the Secretary know the details.

It is also intended to develop a static display of NGVR's wartime activities in the Lae / Salamaua / Wau / Bulldog areas during 1941-1942. We are seeking appropriate memorabilia, artefacts, maps, photographs, documents etc which may be incorporated in this display. If you would like to assist with ideas and time in preparation of this display please contact John or myself. Phil Ainsworth
10 March, 2009
Stay alive

QUEEN & COUNTRY EXHIBITION - MIDDLESBOROUGH

The Art Fund, the UK's leading independent art charity, will mark the 6th anniversary of the Iraq invasion with the opening of Steve McQueen's *Queen and Country* at MIMA Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art. The work will be on display from Wednesday **18 March until Sunday 3 May 2009**

More than 16,500 people have signed the petition to see Steve McQueen's work realised as official postage stamps, we would like to thank you for your support.

As you know, *Queen and Country* commemorates British servicemen and women killed in Iraq.

If you have not already done so we hope that you are able to visit *Queen and Country* while it is in Middlesbrough.

Please do let your friends and family know about the petition that you have signed which can be found at

www.artfund.org/queenandcountry

Queen and Country
MIMA Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art

Centre Square

Middlesbrough TS1 2AZ

Telephone: +44 (0)1642 726 720

Email:

mima@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Opening times:

Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat 10am - 5pm

Thurs 10am - 8pm

Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Closed Monday (Except Bank Holidays, Sunday Opening times apply)

Free admission

WRITING A BOOK

I am a small prints author and I am doing research for my next book. I was hoping that you could help?

I wish to study, record and collect the tales of people who have had to kill in battle. There is a questionnaire that I would like to send to you for veterans to fill in (or have filled in) about their experience. I understand the sensitive nature of this but I feel collecting this information is vital for our understanding of war and its lessons in the future.

If you can agree to this please let me know and I will send on the question-

SEEKING SPONSORS

I myself and my partner are looking for financial sponsors for our website www.pension4army.co.uk as we are looking to step up a gear for our site, we are looking for people who might like to invest in our site. There are only the two of us running our site and we are working on behalf of all ex service men and women who are seeking their pensions.