



The Small Arms School Corps

NEWSLETTER

From Bowmen to Marksmen

Editorial by the Commanding Officer

This is the 2019 Newsletter published by HQ SASC. It provides an opportunity to outline key dates, summarise training activity and notable SASC events. This version also includes some important information about what you are doing and this sharing of developments and best practice is something future newsletters will try to capture more!

This is my final opportunity before I retire to write something that will land in your inboxes. I therefore wanted to thank you all for your incredible efforts, advice and support over the 3 years I have been at the helm. I handover to Lt Col Steve Hanson on 1 Apr 19 confident the SASC is more valued than ever across Defence, where every SASC soldier and officer plays their part in delivering expert instruction, is able to transform the marksmanship ability of all they encounter and regularly provide risk to life advice that delivers operationally effective live firing training.

What's more; you consistently demonstrate your depth of knowledge, great experience, intelligence and overall worth to the organisations you work for. You are always looking to improve and this makes every one of you very much in demand. There is plenty of scope for the Corps to expand such is the desire of training organisations and the Field Army to have SASC personnel on their establishment. I

will look on as a comrade at how the Corps develops over the next period but whatever happens please know that I am proud of you all and will forever be grateful to you for making my time in command such a worthwhile experience.

Of course, it was made that much easier by the team I had around me. Rather than name them all, especially as I had quite a few come and go in the HQ, I want them to know I appreciate their counsel, honesty, commitment and loyalty. I hope they enjoyed the experience and learned something along the way!

I also want to record my thanks, and that of the whole Corps, for the incredible support given to us by Lt Gen Patrick Sanders, our Col Comdt since 2014. He has been promoted to Gen and will shortly become Comd Joint Forces Comd; this will unfortunately prevent him from continuing in the role. I wish him well and look forward to his attendance at the Regimental Dinner on 25 Apr 19 where we can all thank him personally. At the same time, we will warmly welcome Brig Charlie Collins, our new Col Comdt.

Enjoy reading the Newsletter – I hope you find it interesting. If you do not, please contribute to the next one as communication remains very much a 2-way process.

Key Dates

SASC Professional Update and Regimental Dinner.

Held at the Infantry Battle School on Thu 25 Apr 19. Returns are to be in NLT Mon 11 Mar19.

SASC QMSI Course

Phase one will take place on 31 Jul - 1 Aug 19 at the Defence Academy Shrivenham Light Weapons Design Course. Phase two on 5-9 Aug 19 at HQ SASC, QMSI Course.

Methuen Day – Thu 20 Jun 19

Comrades Reunion- Fleetwood – 20 Jul 19

Pre LECAB – 22- 25 Jul 19

Officers and SMLs Study Period – Thu 12 Sep 19. Location TBC

Officers Supper Night – Sat 26 Oct 19 in the Infantry Mess, Warminster

The New HQ

This year the whole of SASC HQ changes over. Below is the new team with their assignment dates:

•**CO SASC:** Lt Col S Hanson - 8 Apr 19

•**SO2 SASC:** Maj A Moyle – 28 Jan 19 / Maj T Bryne - 1 Jul 19

•**Adjt SASC:** Capt G Dobbs – 25 Feb 19

•**Corps SM:** WO1 G Dickson – 8 Apr 19

•**Trg WO:** WO2 M Black – 1 Apr 19

SO2 Training Update

Electronic RASP: The electronic RASP (eRASP) has now been fielded and is in the hands of the user. The user is experiencing extreme difficulty in accessing the system on MODNET. This is due to a lack of bandwidth, it is hoped that this will be rectified when EGS moves to BPS. However there have been significant delays in this move and it is unlikely to be addressed until the latter end of the year. Those who are approached about eRASP should encourage users to remain patient until this is resolved.

Hearing Protection: The hearing protection [appendix](#) to Pam 21 has been updated and now covers a variety of weapon systems. It also includes hearing protection levels whilst working alongside vehicles.

Pamphlet 21: The latest amendment to pam 21 is now live on the [BaeBB](#). Of note are the changes made to the rules surrounding AFV training progression. Direction is now clearer and aligned to OSP Vol 4.

OSP Vol 1: The latest amendment to OSP Vol 1 is now live. Of note are the revised chapters to competition shooting and updates to the RAF commanders guide.

GPMG Night Firing: It has been identified that there is not a suitable Night Viewing Device (NVD) system for the GPMG in the LR. Direction has been promulgated by GM Cap outlining the restrictions. Work is on-going with ITDU to find a workable solution from existing equipment. Once the trial is complete this will determine the best form of training. For now, the use of NVD's on GPMG LR and any shoulder-controlled variant is suspended. The rules for firing GPMG SF at night remain extant.

Defence Operational Shooting Competition (DefOSC 19): Key dates for the competition are

- 9 – 14 Jun 19: International Team Practice.
- 16 - 19 Jun 19: AOSC.
- 20 Jun 19: Methuen Cup and AOSC prize giving including a curry lunch.
- 21 – 23 Jun 19: AROSC.
- 23 Jun 19: AROSC prize giving including a curry lunch.
- 24 – 25 Jun 19: International Matches.



Adjt Update

Recruiting

Recruiting is on the increase. The number of candidates arriving for selection is high but as always it could be better and your continued support in identifying potential candidates is always welcome. All those interested should be signposted to the Corps Adjutant.

MODNET

HQ SASC have now converted to MODNET. The SharePoint page has yet to be fully developed by GM Cap and because of this delay users may experience some difficulties getting onto the site. Please be patient, it will be sorted and refreshed in due course.

Mandatory Objective for all

All personnel are reminded to ensure their Objectives include "Promote an inclusive culture within area of responsibility, working to increase understanding and engagement through education and initiative."

Comrades Reunion

The former northern School of Musketry – The North Euston Hotel, is the location for Comrades reunion this year, located in the coastal town of Fleetwood on 20 Jul 19. Situated on Fleetwood waterfront that dominates Fleetwood, with spectacular views of the Wyre estuary and the lake district.

The Hotel is ideally situated with walking distance (5- 10 mins) of the town centre and local amenities including Weatherspoon's, lot of Fish and chip restaurants, Museum and a Family shopping outlet. Directly across from the Hotel is the Tram stop which can deliver you to the bright lights of Blackpool (40 mins) with the last tram back at midnight, making a great option for an informal gathering on the Friday night.

The black-tie dinner will be held within the hotel, with reception drinks and meet and greet in the hotel bar before we move into the hotel's ballroom, which impresses with great decoration and grandeur. Local Entertainment will set the tone of the evening including a disco to dance to our hearts content. Food will be a three course meal options to follow, cheese and biscuits, and coffee.

Remember this event is for all, not just the old and bold. It would be great to see more young faces, so please do not miss this great opportunity to have a relaxing, social weekend, with partners, friends, colleagues and comrades. If you would like to attend, please contact the Corps SM.

Shop Stock

The shop is introducing new Corp branded lines. It is your shop and any suggestions you might have for merchandise would be gratefully received. The following items have been added recently.



Promotions & Conversions

Promotion to General

- Lt Gen PNYM Sanders CBE DS

Conversion to Regular Commission (Late Entry)

- Maj (AIW) L Jenkins
- Maj (AIW) A Renton

Promotion to Substantive Major

- A/Maj (AIW) A Moyle
- A/Maj (AIW) M Robinson
- Capt (AIW) T Byrne

Commission with effect Apr 19

- WO1 (Corps SM) A Blair
- WO1 (SMI) G Bowden
- WO1 (SMI) R Greene
- WO1 (SMI) A Steele
- WO1 (SMI) R Wilson
- WO1 (SMI) D Wilbond

Promotions (Other Ranks)

To WO1 with effect Apr 19

- WO2 (QMSI) I Arnott
- WO2 (QMSI) S Bradley
- WO2 (QMSI) S Cooke
- WO2 (QMSI) G Dickson
- WO2 (QMSI) N Gurung
- WO2 (QMSI) J Parkinson
- WO2 (QMSI) J Salter

To WO2 with effect Apr 19

- A/WO2 (QMSI) B Alcorn
- A/WO2 (QMSI) K Kerr
- A/WO2 (QMSI) J Lewis
- SSgt (SSI) J Ford
- SSgt (SSI) D Lynch
- SSgt (SSI) S Murphy
- SSgt (SSI) C Phillips
- SSgt (SSI) J Sebok

SASC Selection Course 1802

- Sgt Ankrett
- Sgt Clarke
- Sgt Clarke
- Sgt Cupples
- Sgt Deeley
- Sgt Gurung
- Sgt McLeish
- Sgt Nembang
- Sgt Sinar
- Sgt Turnball

Honours & Awards

Maj (AIW) Gary Palmer – CGSs' Commendation

Manning Figures – Feb 19

Lieutenant Colonel – 2
Major – 14 (includes 2 Acting)
Captain – 15

Warrant Officer Class One – 14
Warrant Officer Class Two – 56 (includes 3 Acting)
Staff Sergeant – 16 (includes 2 Acting)

Sergeant – 24

Key Areas: Points of Contact

Marksmanship

Major (AIW) Jenkins ITG-HQ-G7-SO2 (94211 5251)

Management of lethal Risk

Major (AIW) Moyle ArmyCapCbt-SASC-SO2 (94381 2366)

Instruction & Technology

Major (AIW) Palmer INFBS-IWD-OC (94351 2507)

WOME (Weapons Ordnance Munitions & Explosives)

Major (AIW) Hirst DES WpnsDOSG-WS1e (9352 35267)

Corps Media



www.SASC-PastandPresent.com

The Comrades SASC website is up and running. Key features include; fully Smart Phone and Tablet compatibility, members secure login and the much-required online Corps shop ordering ability. If there are any ideas as to what else the website should include, send them into the Regt Secretary/Corps SM.

Official Facebook Page

The Official SASC Facebook page "Needs you". Corps headline stories are the focus, encouraging positive attention and increasing recruiting interest. British Army media are joint admin with the Regt Secretary.

Over to you to share your stories and experiences (1 or 2 paragraphs with photos) when you are out delivering the SASC mission, UK and Overseas. Please send all media to the Regt Secretary by email, message or Messenger. They will be ratified prior to being posted on the Facebook page, so no requirement to worry about writing styles or grammar.

Corps Journal

All SASC members are encouraged to write articles particularly those that are in singleton posts. The Corps SM will volunteer those that are required to write this year. The articles must be interesting, informative and other than location should aim to avoid 'what I do at work'. Themes should include modern initiatives and moving the Corps forward in times of change across the Army.

Those outside the target audience who wish to submit an article are more than welcome to do so, provided it conforms to the guidance above.

The Corps SM is responsible for collating all Corps Journal articles. They are all to be in **NLT 20 Jun 19**. Send in the article narrative using Microsoft Word and videos/photos as a separate file. Our intent is to continue to use Augmented Reality (Aurasma) so good quality media is essential.



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[SASC Man at Arms
Journal 18](#)

[MS Web](#)

[Soldier Career
Development
Handbook Jun 2016](#)

[Full Time Reserve
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