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On behalf of the committee may I take this opportunity to introduce the **Commando Engineer Branch** of the Royal Engineers Association. The Management Committee of the Royal Engineers Association approved the formation of the **Commando Engineer Branch** in January 2008 and we were officially formed on the 1st April 2008. The main aim of the Branch is to maintain an 'esprit de corps' and foster the 'commando spirit' amongst serving and non-serving personnel who have served (or are serving) with commando engineers.

There are two classes of membership to the Commando Engineer Branch:

Full Membership is open to all RE personnel (Commando and Non-Commando trained) who have served, or who are currently serving with the following units in support of Commando Forces:

- RE personnel (Commando and Non Commando trained) who have served on the posted strength of Commando Units since the formation of Commando Forces in WW 2 until the present day – this will include service with such units as the Amphibious Beach Unit, etc.
- 59 Independent Commando Squadron RE
- 131 Independent Commando Squadron RE (V)
- 24 Commando Engineer Regiment
- 2 Commando Troop (EOD) 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD)

If you meet the criteria above and wish to join our Branch then please complete the Full Member application form and send HQ REA at the address on the top of the application form.

Associate Membership is open to all non RE personnel (Commando and Non-Commando trained) and relatives of those who have served, or are serving with the above units. If you meet the criteria above and wish to join our Branch then please complete the Associate Member application form and send to the Branch Secretary at: secretary@commandoengineerbranch.org.uk

The enrolment procedure is a fairly straightforward process. You will be required to complete the appropriate application form. This also applies to those who are already members of the Royal Engineers Association. You will also be required to provide a current passport size photograph. On the reverse of the photograph please write your name and army number. The Full Membership Application form along with your photograph should be sent to HQ REA at Chatham (the address is at

the top of the form). Do not send any money at this stage. The Associate Membership Application form should be sent to the secretary. Copies of the application forms are attached.

You will be notified if you have been accepted for membership and will receive a welcome pack from the Secretary. The information that you provided will allow the REA to establish if you contributed to the 'days pay scheme' whilst you were serving or currently contributing to the 'days pay scheme' if still serving. If you have you will automatically become a Life Member (RE personnel only). If you have not contributed to the days pay scheme then you will be required to pay a one-off subscription to the REA.

Current **Commando Engineer Branch** membership fees are an initial joining fee of £10.00 which will also cover the annual subscription for the first year (currently £5.00). Thereafter members will pay an annual subscription of £5.00. Subscriptions will run from 1st January to 31st December each year. The amount will be reviewed annually and agreed at the Branch AGM. These fees are used to cover the day-to-day-running costs.

We meet annually for our AGM and Dinner (normally in October) and every other year we make the 'pilgrimage' to RM Barracks, Chivenor for the Commando Engineer Reunion. Other functions and get-togethers are held throughout the year and the details of these are distributed amongst members as they occur.

We produce a 6-monthly Branch Newsletter which contains useful information provided by Branch members, and keeps us all up to date with what is happening within the commando engineer fraternity. In addition to the Newsletter we also produce Branch Circulars which serve to update members on specific events and other items of interest.

If you have any queries regarding joining the **Commando Engineer Branch** then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone, e-mail or letter.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Branch.

Dave Quinn

Branch Chairman

Enclosure:

1. Full Membership Application Form
2. Associate Membership Application Form