

FUSILIERS NEWS

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The 1 September 2025 Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about the Col of the Regt's ACGS appointment, Minden Day celebration in Sunderland and the repainted Antelope mural that welcomes people into Warwick

Congratulations to the Col of the Regt



Maj Gen J Swift OBE
Colonel FUSILIERS

Congratulations to the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Jon Swift OBE on his appointment to Assistant Chief of the General Staff with effect from Monday 1 September.

Regimental Silver Auction

The latest sale of Regimental Silver through the Tennants Auction House will take place on Saturday 13th September. The silver on sale is mainly from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The sales numbers for the items are 2162 to 2183.

The link below will take you to the Tennants sale site and also explain how to register to bid for an item and the Terms & Conditions.



<https://auctions.tennants.co.uk/auction/details/jw55-jewellery-watches--silver/?au=14261>

Minden Day commemoration

On Saturday 2 August a small service was held to Remember the Battle of Minden. The Sunderland Branch of the Fusilier Association (Northumberland) hosted the service which was well attended with guests from the St Georges and Newcastle branches.

The Order of the Day was read by retired Major Graeme Herron and the service was lead by Sunderland Branch Chairman Dave McKenna. Standard bearers were from the Fusilier branches and other Sunderland Veteran Associations.



The Standards on Parade

Ceremony over, the Fusiliers then retired to the



Afterwards at the Gunners Club

Gunners Club where the Minden poem was read by Dave McKenna and a champagne soaked Red Rose was eaten by guest Fusilier Kev Fogarty, a friend of the Branch from Birmingham.

Refreshments and a buffet was served before the Branch and guests were entertained by the excellent Celtic Man band. Thank you to all that attended and to RHQ FUSILIERS with their kind donation. A good day was had by all.

Refurbishment of the Antelope mural in Warwick

The Antelope mural is on the side of the Antelope public house on one of the main roads leading into Warwick. It is a well known landmark, showing the 6th Foot the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in action.

It has now been refurbished and on Thursday 7 August the work was celebrated in the presence of the Mayor of Warwick, the Artist and local historians. Also invited were Chris Kirby and David Baynham of the Fusilier Museum (Warwick) and John Bartlett and Harry Morton of the Warwick and Leamington Branch, the Fusilier Association (Warwickshire). The Antelope provided a welcome and tasty lunch.



In front off the Antelope mural

NOTICES

Fusilier Officers' Club Dinner

The 75th Annual Dinner of the Fusilier Officers' Club (Warwickshire) will take place on **Friday 10 October 2025** at the Officers' Mess Bramcote Barracks, Nuneaton.

Further details from the Dinner Chairman Lt Col (Retd) Richard Gale TD at:

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The Dinner in 2024

All Ranks LGBT+ Conference

This year marks twenty-five years since the lifting of the ban on LGBT+ Service Personnel serving in His Majesty's Armed Forces.

Anniversaries offer unique opportunities for us to reflect, discuss and learn. LGBT+ veterans experienced entrenched institutional prejudice in undertaking the long and often painful journey that helped us to this point, and we must not lose sight of their unique stories and experiences. It is crucial to the moral fabric and operational effectiveness of the Army that our organisation remains an inclusive organisation in which all service personnel feel respected, valued and able to fully represent themselves both inside and out of uniform.

As part of our year of reflection, the Army's LGBT+ Network is planning to hold an all ranks Conference that will examine our past, discuss the current situation and help frame our thinking about the future. There will also be a dinner for members of the Army LGBT+ community allowing both active serving personnel, allies and importantly veterans to gather together. The events will take place in London.

To enable planning, we are seeking initial/non-committal Expressions of Interest. Costs for the dinner are being investigated and will be rank-ranged.

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