

The South Atlantic Medal Association 1982 SAMA (82)
Annual General Meeting 2025

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Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Annual General Meeting of The South Atlantic Medal Association 1982 is to be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Abingdon, Oxford at **15:00 on Saturday 5th April 2025**.

The meeting is called for the purpose of the following agenda including considering, and if thought fit, passing the resolutions shown as item 11, 12, 13 below.

Agenda Items

- 1. Chairman's welcome, introduction, and explanation of proceedings.**
- 2. Apologies.**
- 3. Declaration of interest.**
- 4. Reading of the names of the medal holders known to have died recently.**
- 5. One minute silence.**
- 6. Loyal greeting read by a trustee.**
- 7. To agree the minutes of 2024 AGM & matters arising.**
- 8. Chairman's report.**
- 9. Secretary's report.**
- 10. Treasurer's report.**
- 11. Resolution 1 - To receive and approve the company accounts for 2024.**
- 12. Resolution 2 - To authorise the trustees to appoint an Inspector of Accounts.**
- 13. Resolution 3 - To re-elect / elect trustees.**
- 14. Place and date of 2026 annual general meeting.**
- 15. Close of the Annual General Meeting.**

Ten-minute break until the Open Forum

Members' resolutions: Members are welcomed to submit resolutions for discussion and voting. The resolution must be worded unambiguously and not be over-long. The resolution must be supported by a named proposer and named seconder both of whom must be members.

Election of trustees: Members may, by resolution, propose and second a candidate for election to the board of directors/trustees. The candidate must agree to the nomination, and this must be indicated in the resolution.

Further information is available from the office or a trustee. The document containing the resolution and the supporting names must be delivered to the SAMA (82) Office at least fourteen days before the AGM (**by 15:00 on Friday 21st March 2025**). Members submitting a resolution shall be the first to speak in support of the resolution.

Attendance and Voting - Full members and associate members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting convened by the notice set out above.

Notes on Reports and Resolutions

Resolution 1: A summary of the accounts and statement of the financial position for the year ending 31st December 2024 will be available at the annual general meeting for review.

Resolution 2: To authorise the Trustees to appoint an Examiner of Accounts.

Resolution 3: Article 24 of the Association requires one third of directors (trustees) to retire on rotation at each annual general meeting. Article 25(1) states that the trustees "to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office".

The longest serving Trustees since re-election due to retire at the 2025 annual general meeting are **Tom Herring and Alan Dodsworth. Andrew Lockett** must be re-elected annually because of age.

The Open Forum The open forum is an informal exchange of ideas, criticisms, praise and an opportunity to seek information on matters of concern to members, beneficiaries and the association. There are no rules, but trustees would be grateful if members would be short, polite and concise, when speaking, to allow a wider opportunity for all those who wish to speak and for suitable answers to be given. Prior notice enables trustees to research well-informed answers. If you have any questions for the open forum, please send to the office so that they can be addressed at the meeting. Priority will be given to written questions; trustees will accept spontaneous questions and comments where time allows.

Please submit any questions or comments to the office by 12:00 (Noon) Friday 21st March 2025.

- Minutes of 2024 AGM included with this calling notice.
- To be provided at the AGM: short and long reports, summary of accounts 2024 and statement of financial position 2024.

THE SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL ASSOCIATION (1982)
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT MERCURE HOTEL, WILLERBY, HULL
SATURDAY 6th APRIL 2024 AT 3PM

PRESENT:

Committee:

Tom Herring, Chair, 3PARA
Andrew Lockett, HMS Endurance
Brian Sherrington, 36 Engr Regiment

Stephen Penfold, HMS Intrepid
Christopher Howe, HMS Coventry
Michael Sherrington

Alan Dodsworth NOK

There were 32 Members in attendance- Brian Summers. FIDF, Michael Parsons 1 WG, John Waterfield HMS Plymouth, David Bragg RAF Marham, Paul Moore 9 Para 3 Para, John Batting. HMS Sheffield, Roger Weale. HMS Brilliant, Peter Hampton FOF1. HMS Hermes, Bob Geddes HMS Farnella, Stuart Leeming, Anthony Patterson. HMS Brilliant, Gary Harris. HMS Hermes, Sean Keon. British Tay, Barry Reid. 9 Para, Geoffrey Luker. HMS Exeter, Reg Kemp. Norland, Nicki Pugh HMHS Uganda, Stephen Bland. HMS Bristol, Don Clark HMS Fearless, Cherryll West (no unit), Alan Gibson. 42 Cdo, Richard Hyslop Observer, Neil Johnson. HMS Illustrious, Peter Cobbold 1(F) Sqn RAF, John Phillips Royal Engineers, Robert Taylor. 5 Inf Bde Royal Signals, Rubert Louch. Norland, Philip Bunday 21 Ad Btty Royal Artillery, Nigel Clarkson 42 Cdo, Margaret Howe. Observer

The meeting commenced at 3pm

1. Chairman's Welcome.
 - 1.1. Tom Herring welcomed all to the 2024 AGM and gave an explanation of the proceedings.
2. Apologies.
 - 2.1. 38 formal apologies had been received from members.
3. Declaration of interest.
 - 3.1. No declaration of interest was forthcoming.
4. Reading of the names of medal holders known to have died recently.
 - 4.1. Brian Sherrington, Stephen Penfold, Alan Dodsworth, Michael Sherrington and Chris Howe MBE read out the list of fellow veterans who had passed over the last year.
5. One minute silence
 - 5.1. Chris Howe MBE asked for one minute silence to remember those who died in the conflict and those comrades who have since passed away.
6. Loyal Greeting
 - 6.1. Stephen Penfold read out the message sent by the Chairman to the Patron, King Charles III and the Patron's response.
7. To Agree the Minutes of 2023 AGM
 - 7.1. Minutes had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.
 - 7.2. No matters were arising.
 - 7.3. The acceptance is proposed by Bob Geddes, seconded by John Batting.
 - 7.4. Resolution 1 – Unanimous in acceptance – 35 votes, none against or abstentions.
8. Chairman's report.
 - 8.1. In 2023, the Association lost co-founder Denzil Connick, a person whose determination and persistence brought about the creation of the Association in 1997. He died after a short illness.
 - 8.2. He was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the very first Honours List of King Charles III, who is also the Royal Patron of the Association. Denzil was very pleased to accept the award, but died before the medal could be presented to him. The medal adorned the coffin alongside his South Atlantic Medal with Rosette and General Service Medal. This was a great comfort to his wife and family.
 - 8.3. The year also saw the sad loss of a long serving trustee Lawrence (Chris) Jones, who had also represented the Association as our Regional Coordinator in the South- West. He had recently stood down from his duties to enjoy his retirement. The Association will miss his vibrant personality and his capability to create teams and harness their energy. The association sends condolences to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.
 - 8.4. The Board welcomed four new volunteer trustees in 2023, to serve South Atlantic veterans, and we extend a warm welcome to them. Specific tasks and areas of responsibility were allocated, and the Board took the opportunity to initiate cross training to cover roles, should the need arise.
 - 8.5. Trustees and members extend grateful thanks to the Airborne Riders, and their Chairman Paul Moore, who is a South Atlantic Veteran, for continuing to organise the yearly "Ride of Respect" around the graves and memorials of those killed in action in 1982. The ride this year took a different format, becoming regional by small groups of riders over two days, rather than one group covering the UK over two weeks. The event went very well, and I would like to thank all the regional rider groups for their participation and the donations raised. Trustees were able to attend various locations in support of the riders. To complete the circle, after delays, Paul and one other rider, were able to travel to the Islands via UK/FI Air Bridge. Using borrowed motorcycles, they paid respects at graves and memorials. With the help of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service, the ride was extended to west Falkland. Our sincere thanks go to all on the Islands who assisted this ride over five days. The donations raised from the rides in the UK and FI are greatly appreciated.
 - 8.6. The SAMA office in South Wales continues to support South Atlantic veterans with the highest standard of administration and organisation. Members are grateful to the whole team working together to make the South Atlantic Medal Association a successful charity.

8.7. The Association conveys the best wishes of the Association to our Royal Patron, and we wish him good health.

9. Secretaries Report for 2023

9.1 Brian Sherrington read out the secretary report for 2023.

9.2 Due to the full resumption of the concessionary flight scheme, 2023 was an extremely busy year for the SAMA (82) office. For many years the Ministry of Defence has provided the concessionary flight scheme. We are grateful for their commitment and support in ensuring that medal holders can travel at a hugely reduced fare. The scheme run smoothly until later in the year and sadly the MoD were not able to provide concessionary flights for veterans to attend the Remembrance Day events being held in the Islands.

9.3 Much work has been done to improve our website. This is ongoing as we strive to provide comprehensible and accurate information and recollection of the Falklands conflict. In 2023 the new virtual Garden of Remembrance was launched, we thank Alan Dodsworth for his efforts in providing this.

9.4 We decided to create a photo gallery of Operation Taskforce and requested contributions from our membership. They immediately rose to the challenge, and we were inundated with images. I'm pleased to report that the 'Ships of the Task Force' section is now complete and viewable to the public on our website.

9.5 The SAMA (82) office endeavours to run efficiently and reduce our carbon footprint. We try to ensure that most of the correspondence is digital, and our website is used as an integral part of the SAMA (82) office administration. All applications are now made through a paperless website application process.

9.6 We encourage members to complete a Gift Aid form, and this can easily be completed on the SAMA (82) website. Gift Aid is not of any cost to yourselves but allows the Association to claim an extra 25% of any donations you make to SAMA (82) from the UK Government.

9.7 The SAMA (82) Newsletter is published twice a year for members and its beneficiaries. We take this opportunity to remind members that the newsletter is for you and we encourage anyone to submit entries. Whether it be a short story about their time in the conflict, a visit to the Islands, an event they are organising or have attended, a poem, a small gallery of images, any fundraising efforts you have completed or organising – it can be anything suitable and relatable for the membership.

9.8 As a charity, we rely on donations. Whether donations are made directly or through volunteers' collections or via an event sponsorship such as climbing a mountain, a cycle ride. It is entirely up to you, how you wish to support SAMA (82) by fundraising so whatever your idea is, we're grateful for your support. If anyone is thinking about raising funds for SAMA (82), please visit the website for further details on how to donate or download a sponsorship forms. We also ask that you inform the SAMA (82) office who can offer you support and advice.

9.9 Jo and Marie from the office wish to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all members for their continued support.

10. Treasurer's Report for 2023

10.1. The Association finances are in good shape. The accounts made some minor gains of around £9000 in our reserves but of course lost out for a second year to inflation. The stock market has reached some sort of plateau and is reluctant to move forward with all the uncertainty and instability in the world. With eighteen years left of our planned future we must visualise how we are going to fund the future years and how we disperse our reserves by the date set for our closure.

10.2. SAMA has a five-year cycle. We reach a peak of activity, donations and spending in years ending with a two and a seven. After these years there is a rapid decline in income from charitable sources and from the generous gifts of members, a slowing of spending, and a reduction in applications for membership. This report is for a year ending with a three and as predicted the pace of financial activity has fallen. Our banked and cash assets, for central funds, at the end of 2023 were £484496.51 (Last year £475,534.52) a gain of £8962. The accounts of branch funds are stable, and reserves are positive. It is the treasurer's moment to thank the fund raisers and treasurers of the branch funds for Scotland, Camping and Caravan, Havant and Christchurch for their excellent work.

10.3. The financial summary is distributed around the room as are the Statement of Financial Position. I am happy to take questions on policy now or if it involves detail then after the meeting.

10.4. Every career comes to an end. I took over the treasurer job from my illustrious predecessor, Rick Jolly, in 2005 when the association was no more than a club, was very vulnerable and heading to insolvency. With the stewardship of Martin Reed, the association was given official and protected status and blossomed into a well-run charity and company. So, it is time for me to hang up my calculator and, during the next year, I will be handing over the processes to my competent, and willing successor, fellow trustee, Alan Dodsworth. May I wish the association every success for the future and a fair wind for Alan.

10.5. Proposal of thanks for both the outgoing Treasurer and the current Office Staff was suggested by John Phillips. Carried unanimously.

11. Resolution 1 - Accept the annual reports and account summaries for financial year 2023.

11.1. Proposed by Alan Gibson and seconded by Peter Hampton.

11.2. 34 votes in acceptance, none against and 1 abstention.

12. Resolution 2 – To authorise the trustees to appoint an inspector of accounts for financial year 2024.

12.1 Proposed by Andrew Lockett, seconded by Tom Herring.

12.2 Unanimous in acceptance – 35 votes, none against or abstentions.

13. Voting section 2 – Election of Trustees.

13.1 Stephen Penfold sought election. Proposed by Brian Sherrington, Seconded by Andrew Lockett.

13.1.1 Unanimous in acceptance – 35 votes, none against or abstentions.

13.2 Chris Howe MBE sought re-election. Proposed by Alan Dodsworth, Seconded by Robin Turk.

13.2.1 Unanimous in acceptance – 35 votes, none against or abstentions.

13.3 Andrew Lockett. Proposed by Tom Herring, Seconded by Chris Howe MBE.

13.3.1 Unanimous in acceptance – 35 votes, none against or abstentions.

14. Place and Date of 2025 Annual General Meeting.

14.1 Normally now we announce date and location for next year's AGM/weekend, however this year we have yet to decide on plans for next year's AGM.

15. The meeting ended at 15.39 pm