

ROLE OF WRAC ASSOCIATION AREA CHAIRMEN

Introduction.

The WRAC Association has 8 Areas: South East, Southern, South West, Wales & West Midlands, Northern, Scotland & Northern Ireland, East Midlands and Eastern. Area Chairmen are members of the WRAC Association Council which sets the strategy for relationships with WRAC Association branches and the wider Service charity sector and is a decision making forum for Strategic and Operational change as it affects the Association and its members.

Each of the Areas within the WRAC Association is different and runs very much as defined and agreed by Area Members.

Remit

The Association has rich history and traditions from its constituent elements, the QMAAC, ATS, WRAC including the WRAC TA and TAVR and the Association is keen that these are preserved by those who have served in the past and passed on to those women currently serving. There is a wish to develop a spirit of mutual friendship by maintaining contact with women who have served in the army in the past and those serving now, working to foster esprit de corps and comradeship.

The Area Chairmen provide a link between Association HQ and the Branches (and members) of her Area, disseminating information between the two. She will also be able to provide advice and support to the Branch Committees and members of the WRAC Association within her Area.

The Area Chairmen Forum has been formed which discusses matters of mutual interest and identifies any which may need to be addressed by the Association Council or Trustees meetings. Likewise the Association Trustees or Council may have issues which need to be considered by the Area Chairmen Forum in order to establish best practice. To achieve this Area Chairmen are asked to attend 2 Area Chairmen Forums per year. These take place immediately prior to the Council meetings which are normally held at the beginning and mid year points in London. In addition Area Chair are encouraged to attend the WRAC Association AGM each year, one major Grants meeting and events and activities subject to availability.

In their respective Areas, Area Chairmen are encouraged to visit their branches at least once a year, to promote the WRAC Association by whatever means available whether that be publicity or attending local civic or veterans events. In addition they should support, assist and enable the provision of benevolence to those members who are identified as being in need and to support and assist in running Area centred events as agreed by Area Branches/Members.