

FUSILIERS NEWS

Be Tough – Be Infantry – Be Fusiliers



Northumbria ACF Cadets pack over 8,000 packed lunches for the Children's Cancer Run in Newcastle for its 40th anniversary

The 1 March Fusilier Newsletter

In this edition, read about the new Veterans ID Card, 1 FUSILIERS ROG on Op Teamwork, Nuneaton Fusiliers honoured and the top prize winner in the Fusilier Aid Society lottery



Colonel of the Regiment's Congratulations

The Colonel of the Regiment and all Fusiliers congratulate **Major Christopher Shaw, FUSILIERS** on being provisionally selected for promotion to the substantive rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2025.

Maj Gen J Swift OBE
Colonel FUSILIERS

At last - the Veterans ID Card

Veterans can now apply for their Veteran Card. Those who left the Armed Forces before December 2018 can verify their veteran status online with a new digital application service to receive a Veteran Card through the post. A paper-based application process is also available as an alternative to the digital system.

The Veteran Card will provide veterans with a clear recognition of service, a tangible link to the Armed Forces, and allow them to easily verify their veteran status to access support and services from government, charities, and local authorities.

To apply for a Veteran Card visit:

www.gov.uk/veteran-card



NB. To apply online you will need access to either a PC or Mac and simultaneously a smartphone. And have your driving licence or passport to hand. You will need to be reasonably tech-savvy. Otherwise, use the paper-based application process. Either process takes about 8 weeks to deliver the card

1 FUSILIERS Rear Operations Group (ROG) on Op TEAMWORK

Corporal Josh Kay, Section Commander, Y Company

On 7 February 2024, 1 FUSILIERS ROG, along with the remainder of the British Army not actively committed to operations, conducted the annual “all-stop” Op TEAMWORK. The broad outline and main purpose of the day was to encourage group discussion and increase team cohesion around the central theme of maximising team effectiveness. We were really grateful that the RSM kindly allowed us to use the WOs’ and Sgts’ Mess for the day, which provided an excellent place to think and discuss.

Following an opening brief from OC ROG and several video messages, including one from the Chief of the General Staff, we kicked the day off by splitting off into Company groups to discuss what attributes and characteristics have a positive effect on a team. This was open discussion across all ranks within the group, and once discussed, we formed up to share our answers with the whole ROG cohort on their Company group findings.



A team comprising members of the Regimental Admin Office under the direction of Captain Coleman



Sgt Morrison with a team of new Fusiliers in Z Coy

The second exercise was similar to first but this time the discussion was to discuss the traits and behaviours that can have a negative effect on the team and impact team cohesion. Again, soldiers from the juniors ranks stepped up with the opportunity to brief the cohort and get their point across.

After lunch, we went straight into a detailed welfare brief, delivered from the Unit Welfare Officer, Captain Dave Barton. This was extremely useful, especially for the more junior Fusiliers, who didn’t necessarily know how the welfare system worked and what help was available from the Battalion’s welfare team, as well as

the wider support available from the Regiment.

To finish the day’s training, we conducted a series of team tasks ran by the SNCOs. Again, working within Company groups, we formed small teams to solve these challenges. In these teams, Fusiliers were often delegated to lead and to take charge which often took them out of their comfort zone but put them in a position to step up and show off their leadership potential.



X Coy JNCOs and fusiliers demonstrate their minefield crossing capabilities

continually improve not just ourselves but also each other to uphold the Regiment's outstanding reputation.

In the evening we formed back up in WO's & Sgts' Mess to be briefed on our Regimental history. For me this is vital part of teamwork as our Regiment's successes, achievements and sacrifices of our predecessors give us a unifying purpose - to



Lt Chapman talks about the winning of the first VCs in The Great War and the lessons we can take forward to our teams today.

PS. Col James Aldous commissioned this picture when CO 3 FUSILIERS

“ Op TEAMWORK allowed me to meet and engage with other members of the Battalion I would otherwise not have met. This was good because I now understand a bit more about their jobs and how that affects me, as well making friends throughout the day ”

Fus Sumners-Cull

“ I enjoyed the team tasks the most for the physical and teamwork aspect of it. It was good to get outside to do something practical and I also enjoyed having the opportunity to take the lead on some of the tasks ”

Fus Morris

Nuneaton Fusiliers honoured

Murray Richards and Carol Valentine with their parchments after being selected to be of the very few who are a Freewoman or Freeman for Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The awards are for their dedication to the support of Military Veterans in the Town.



Carol Valentine
and Murray
Richards

Fusilier Mother wins the FAS Lottery top prize - £25,000 !

In January, RHQ was able to send this email to Sarah Pylp:

"We are delighted to tell you that you have a successful ticket in the Fusiliers Lottery, run by Sterling Lotteries. You have won the top prize of £25,000. Very many congratulations on your win, our first major Fusilier winner.

As you know, a portion of all ticket sales goes to the Fusiliers Aid Society, which helps Fusiliers, past and present, and their families when they are in hardship or need"

Sarah writes:

"I joined the Fusiliers Lottery when my son joined the Regiment over 11 years ago, not really thinking about winnings but more that it was a great cause. I think I've won a lucky dip over the years and I didn't really consider that big money was ever on the cards. So when I received the email from RHQ, I was speechless !

We plan on sharing my winnings with my children and grandchildren".



Sarah Pylp with her £25,000
cheque from the Fusiliers Aid
Society Lottery

NOTICES

The annual Tony Adamson Football Match

Newcastle Benfield Football Club have kindly agreed to host this year's **Capt Tony Adamson Cup** free of charge.

This is not a military event, rather it is a great opportunity to get Regular, Reservists, Veterans and families together. Everyone can socialise in a relaxed environment by either playing in the game or spectating.

Refreshments will be available in the club house and buffet later in the afternoon. All funds raised on the day will go to the Fusilier Aid Society. FAS will also benefit from a raffle and auction.



Capt Tony Adamson

In 2022, over 250 people attended. It was a very successful day, not just because of the amount raised but also because of the positive feedback from everyone who attended. Tickets are available now from and the closing date to purchase is 1 May. The event will also go on *Fusiliers Connect*.

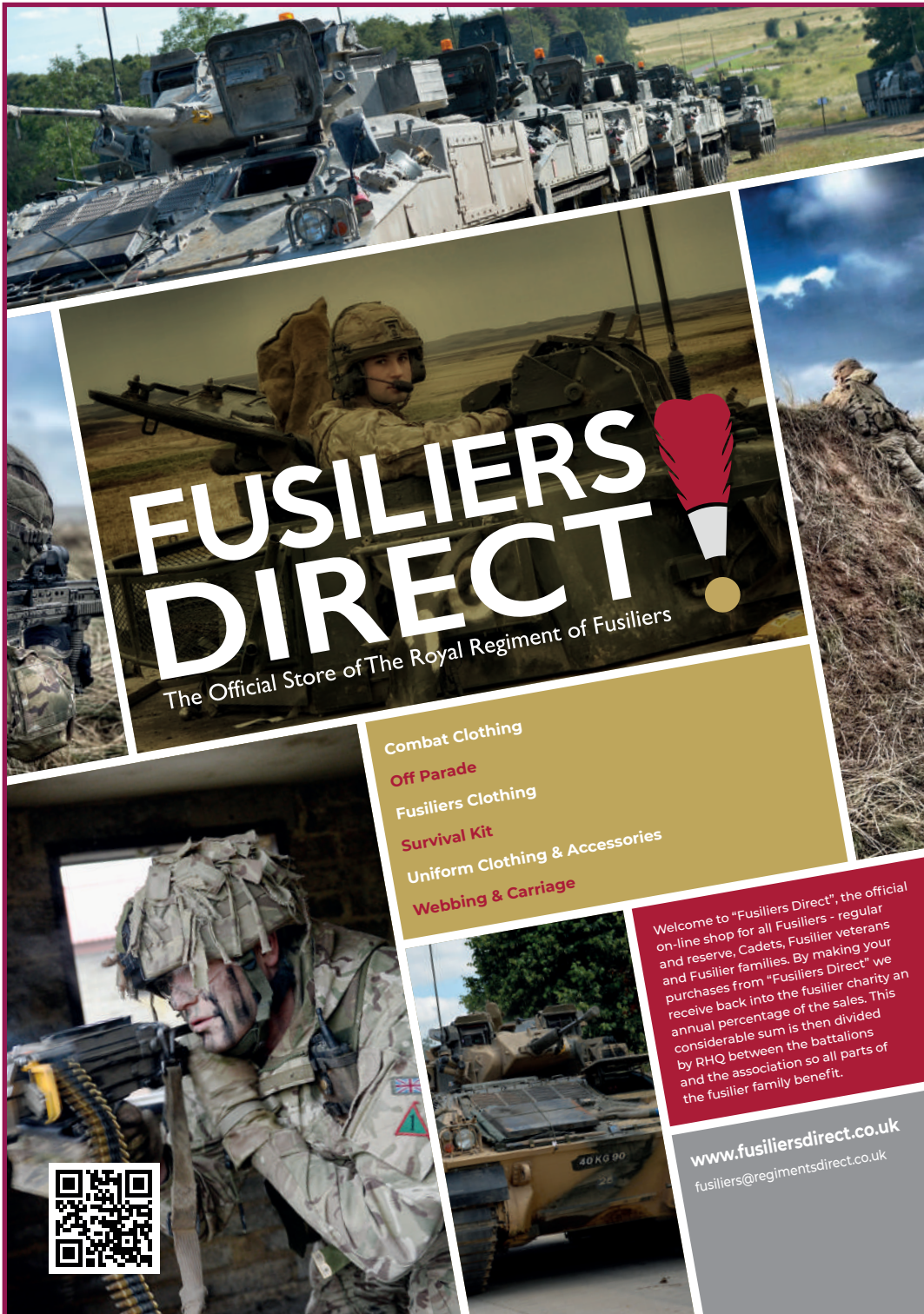
- Date: 1 June 2024
- Time: Gates open at 1000hrs
- KO: 1100hrs
- Location: Newcastle Benfield FC, Newcastle, NE6 4NU
- Ticket price: £10

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