

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on The Armed Forces and Veterans Community
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
21 Sep 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
10 Sep 2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
19 Sep 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
08/10/2019
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
9 January 2019: Attended by 5 MSPs and 44 non-MSPs; topics discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Strategy for Our Veterans Consultation• The Education of Children of an Armed Forces Family

- Skills Development Scotland
- Transferrable Qualifications SCQF
- Developing Champions in Colleges and Universities
- The Reid McEwan Activity Centre Erskine

24 April 2019:

Attended by 4 MSPs and 50 non-MSPs; topics discussed:

- The Veterans Employment Strategy Group Update
- The Career Transition Partnership
- The Leuchars Military Co-Working Hub
- The Lothian Armed Forces and Veterans Project
- Recruitment of veterans to the NHS
- Promoting the Employment of Veterans
- Horse Time

11 June 2019:

Attended by 8 MSPs and 49 non-MSPs; topics discussed:

- A Strategy for Our Veterans – an Update
- The Unforgotten Forces Consortium
- Forces Families Jobs
- The Garelochhead Station Trust
- A Great Scottish breakfast
- Northern Ireland Historic Inquiries and Prosecutions

10 September 2019:

Attended by 6 MSPs and 45 non-MSPs; topics discussed:

- Scottish Veterans Commissioner’s Update
- Cadets in Scotland
- The Positive Pathways Programme
- Proposals for Future meetings in 2020
- Included AGM

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Maurice	Corry	MSP (Convener)	Con
George	Adam	MSP	SNP
Michelle	Ballantyne	MSP	Con
Bill	Bowman	MSP	Con

Jackie	Baillie	MSP	Lab
Jackson	Carlaw	MSP	Con
Liam	Kerr	MSP	Con
Gordon	Lindhurst	MSP	Con
Gordon	MacDonald	MSP	SNP
Willie	Rennie	MSP	Lib Dem

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	
Organisations	<p>51 Infantry Brigade (Representing the Armed Services)</p> <p>Armed Services Advice Project</p> <p>Army Families Federation</p> <p>Association of Wrens & Royal Navy Association</p> <p>BLESMA</p> <p>Business in the Community Scotland</p> <p>Career Transition Partnership</p> <p>Defence Transition Services</p> <p>Erskine</p> <p>Forces in Mind Trust</p> <p>Garelochhead Station Trust</p> <p>Give Us Time</p> <p>Help for Heroes</p> <p>Housing Options Scotland</p> <p>Housing Options Scotland</p> <p>Legion Scotland</p> <p>Lothian Armed Forces and Veterans Project</p> <p>Lothian Veterans Centre</p> <p>Lothians Veterans Centre</p> <p>Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association</p> <p>Naval Families Federation</p> <p>Officers Association Scotland</p> <p>Other organisations have attended from time to time</p> <p>Poppyscotland</p> <p>RAF</p> <p>Recruit for Spouses</p> <p>RFEA</p> <p>Royal Air Force Families Federation</p> <p>Royal Navy</p> <p>SACRO- Veterans Mentoring Service</p> <p>Salute My Jobs</p>

	<p>SAMH Scotland & NI RAF Association Scotlands Bravest Manufacturing Company (RBLI) Scottish Prison Service Scottish Veterans Garden City Association Scottish Veterans Residences Scottish War Blinded Skills Development Scotland Skills Development Scotland SSAFA The Officer's Association Scotland The Scottish Veterans Commissioner Thistle Foundation Venture Trust Veterans First Point Highland Veterans First Point Scotland Veterans Scotland - Secretary Veterans Welfare Services War Widows Association</p>
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Mr Maurice Corry MSP
Deputy Convener	Ms Jackie Baillie MSP Mr Willie Rennie MSP
Secretary	Col Jim Wilson (Veterans Scotland)
Treasurer	Col Jim Wilson (Veterans Scotland)

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

No subscription is charged

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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