

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on The Armed Forces and Veterans Community</b>
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>21 Sep 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>16 and 23 Sep 2020</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
<b>10 Sep 2019</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>24 Sep 2020</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<b>14 January 2020:</b>  The meeting was attended by 5 MSPs and 56 non-MSPs; topics discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cadets in Scotland</li><li>• The Role of the Defence Transition Service</li></ul>

- Local Authority Champions Terms of Reference

#### **21 April 2020:**

The meeting scheduled to take place on 21 April was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **4 June and 8 July 2020:**

In order to fit with the limited space available of MS Teams, this meeting was held over two dates. The briefings provided and topics discussed were mirrored at each meeting. 3 MSP's attended and a total of 40 non-MSPs. Topics discussed were:

- How Service Charities have adapted to the Pandemic
- The impact of Covid-19 on Service Charities

#### **16 and 23 September 2020:**

Attended by 5 MSPs and 49 non-MSPs; topics discussed were:

- A round up of the year's activities
- The Impact of Covid-19
- 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
Richard	Lyle	MSP	SNP

## 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	51 Infantry Brigade (Representing the Armed Services) ADES National Transitions Officer Age Scotland Armed Services Advice Project Army Families Federation Association of Wrens and Women of the Royal Naval Services BFBS The Forces Station BLESMA Business in the Community Scotland Career Transition Partnership Defence Transition Services East of Scotland Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee Edinburgh Napier University Erskine Forces in Mind Trust Garelochhead Station Trust Give Us Time Glasgow Caledonian University Help for Heroes Housing Options Scotland Legion Scotland Lothian Armed Forces and Veterans Project Lothian Veterans Centre Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association Naval Families Federation Officers Association Scotland Other organisations have attended from time to time Poppyscotland RAF RAF Benevolent Fund Reading Force Recruit for Spouses RFEA The Forces Employment Charity Royal Air Force Families Federation Royal Navy Royal Naval Association SACRO- Veterans Mentoring Service

	Salute My Jobs 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 SSAFA Stand Easy Productions The Officer's Association Scotland The Scottish Veterans Commissioner Thistle Foundation University of Glasgow Venture Trust Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee Veterans First Point Highland Veterans First Point Scotland Veterans Housing Scotland Veterans Scotland - Secretary Veterans Welfare Services Walking with the Wounded War Widows Association
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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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