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The RFA Association exists entirely for RFA personnel both serving and retired, their spouses/partners and indeed anyone who has a strong connection with the RFA.

We aim to further the efficiency of the service by fostering an esprit de corps, by preserving RFA traditions and by perpetuating the memory of members who have died in active service. We also try and help those in need and to be available for the next of kin when a member dies. A secondary purpose is to act as the custodians of pictures, battle honours and other artefacts from ships no longer in service and to preserve them for the future. These artefacts are available to all members to view or to borrow as an aid to their researches or to use as a centrepiece for functions or presentations.





Fostering an esprit de corps inevitably means that a lot of our work is social! We have a number of branches across the UK and nearly all of these branches host their own events especially for members in their part of the country. We also arrange an annual dinner for all members in a top hotel. Since, for many, this involves an overnight stay it invariably gives rise to a highly sociable weekend. The annual reunion dinner moves round the country as local branches take it in turn to host. Our guest speaker is normally the Commodore and periodically our patron, HRH The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO, also attends.

These reunions are open to all members, as are all our events. Rank/rate/specialisation is not important; you will be made to feel welcome in the wider family of the RFA.

The Association is a registered charity both in England and Wales (1093950) and Scotland (SC039054) and is administered by a small and highly representative board of trustees. We endeavour to have representatives from all specialisations, all ranks and from all areas. This includes 3 ex-officio trustees appointed by the RFA Commodore.



One major task recently has been to give the RFA its own unique presence in the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The Association set up a small team to design, fund, build, and then maintain an eye catching memorial. Many RFA ships, personnel and supporters gave generously and over £34,000 was raised. In October 2012 with the help of RM band, the Chaplain of the Fleet and wide representation from serving and retired personnel the memorial was dedicated in the presence of our patron.

Joining forms for the RFA Association can be obtained by:
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Annual membership costs just £15.

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