

# Retired Members Branch

The Retired Members Branch is served by the NEC and a Retired Members Committee (RMC), this being enshrined in the POA Rules and Constitution

**T**he RMC hope that you are all keeping fit and well. Hopefully you are getting back to some normality since a lot of Covid restrictions have been lifted.

## UPDATE

Since the Retired Members page on the POA website has been active, we believe that it has been a success and long may that continue.

A reminder of our email address: [RetiredMembersCommittee@poauk.org.uk](mailto:RetiredMembersCommittee@poauk.org.uk). Although we have received some communications from members, we would like to hear from more of you.

In our efforts in dealing with the Welfare Fund, the NEC are to ratify that retired members are eligible to be members of the fund, subject to status. There is also good news that the NEC are to ratify Rule 19.6, which refers to retired members having access to the POA Legal Aid Scheme, giving initial advice or legal assistance to those eligible.

## RETIRED FROM WORK BUT NOT FROM LIVING

Thank you for your continuing support. We would like to draw your attention to POA Circular 066/21. This refers to the Pension Scheme reforms and it could affect many of you. It shows that the POA continues to represent you after retirement. This circular can be found on the POA website and we encourage you to read it. In the Summer *Gatelodge* edition, we highlighted another POA Circular

044/21, which related to research into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This is a reminder for you to read that and contribute.

The RMC have for some time thought that we should offer some kind of sentiment to the families of deceased retired members and, should we be informed, we can then forward them a token of respect.

## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

As you all know, roll checks are an essential part of prison life, as is issuing mail. In the open prison I worked at, this was a combined task at lunch time. It was an old prison and had dormitories spaced out in various locations, and this particular one was an old converted store with irregular bed spaces. Those officers who were switched on as to where each prisoner was located would not be subject to any embarrassment, particularly with the mail for Darling, Deary, Love and Sweet. Phew!

Let's hear more of your memories and keep them coming.

Best regards. Keep safe and well.

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