



2010-11 ANNUAL REPORT **TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

This report was prepared by the Association Secretary on behalf of the Committee. The assembled Membership ratified and passed its contents at the 2011 AGM in Bristol on 9 April as an accurate record of the Association's business carried out over the past 12 months.

Once again it has been an interesting and busy year for your Committee, who have deliberated on a wide range of issues.

1...GENERAL OFFICERS

The following, elected under Rule 7 a-d (Duties) have led the Committee throughout the past 12 months - John Sheldon (Chair) Peter Imrie (Vice-Chair) Ian Williams (Secretary and Membership) and Peter Jays (Treasurer)

2...COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following, elected under Rule 6, have served in Committee from April 2010 to April 2011: Harry Worth, Ray Higginson, Alf Kitwood and McR.

Jay O'Donnell and George Gardiner have assisted the Committee from within the Aircrewman fraternity at Cudrose and Yeovilton respectively. Again, we have been well supported by our Patron, Andy Barnwell.

John Fagan and John Dollin were co-opted onto Committee in September 2010 and their permanent sitting was ratified in Bristol.

3...FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer furnished the AGM with a rundown of the Association's accounts for the past 12 months and the AGM accepted them as a true account. An inspected audit of our accounts took place prior to the 2009 AGM in Plymouth.

4...MEETINGS

The 2010 AGM (ACA33) took place at the Bristol Novotel Hotel on April 10th '10. Your Committee held it's autumn interim meeting at Yeovilton Village on September 11th followed by a dining in night at RNAS Yeovilton. The Association's Fly Navy Federation Reps (Harry Worth and Andy Barnwell) have represented the ACA by attending and continuing to attend various meetings of that organisation throughout the year leading up and including last years FN100 celebrations.

5...OTHER ASSOCIATIONS and ORGANISATIONS

We have continued to maintain strong social links with the following sister FAA organizations and regularly exchange correspondence and magazines; The FAAOA (Officers), FAAHA (Handlers), FAAAA (Armourers) RNR Air Branch and the TAGA (Telegraphist Air Gunners) We also support and maintain a cordial working relationship with the RNHF. We continue our link with the Royal British Legion in that the Association marches past the Cenotaph every November at the RBL Festival of Remembrance (see Note 8) As stated earlier, we have had an active seat on the Fly Navy Federation Committee which met regularly throughout the past year.

6...RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGY

All Committee Members are committed to promote the ACA with a view to increasing it's profile within the service and beyond. CPOACMN Jay O'Donnell, (824 Squadron) has overseen all matters at RNAS Culdrose whilst WOACMN George Gardiner represents the Association at RNAS Yeovilton.

The Associations profile is as high as ever on FL Squadrons and at all the major Air Stations and future social events will continue to be advertised in and around the crewrooms. Joining forms are available to all serving Aircrewmen within the Fleet Air Arm and we will continue to support our air station reps with admin back up and communication. It's satisfying to note that Membership from within the serving Aircrewman community is still on the increase. The Association currently boasts on it's books 81 serving Aircrewman (27.74%) TACAN is now distributed to all Squadron crewrooms regardless of ACA Membership therein.

7...MEMBERSHIP

Since the last AGM (2010) we have added **19** new members. Of these, 6 are serving RN. One Full Member have passed away over the past year. All Members now have their own numbered ACA Membership card and everyone is issued with a new car sticker. Following a decision made at the 2006 AGM and endorsed by the Committee at successive meetings, all incorrect payers do not receive any Member benefits (see Para 9) We currently have 8 pending applications to join.

OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (as at 01.04.11) STANDS AT:

293 FULL

29 LIFE

12 ASSOCIATE

40 OVERSEAS

23 HONORARY

TOTAL = 397

FULL (Paying £10)

29 (includes 2 Associate)

FULL (Paying £5)

6

GRAND TOTAL = 432

(397 bona-fide + 35 incorrect payers)

8...ASSOCIATION WEBSITE (www.aircrewman.org.uk)

During the course of the year Alan Ashdown, with assistance from Harry Worth, has continued to develop the Association website.

With Internet access now widely available, it is satisfying to know that most applications for Membership come from the website via the on-line joining form. We remain committed to support and develop this resource as a key to our future communications strategy. The current annual cost to maintain our site is £102.49 (Registration is £25 every 2 years and hosting is £89.99) We have now found our way onto various MOD, Naval and other Service Association links pages.

9...TACAN

This is the Association's main financial outgoing. Annual cost to produce is around £1500 and postage costs approx. £260 per annum. Edition 42 was despatched to Members at the end of January '11. This edition as slightly delayed due to a major advertiser letting us down just before Christmas and our printer originally only printing 15 of the 16 pages of the nominal roll. All editions now contain more colour content, and as a result, there has been a slight increase in production cost. The magazine now costs approx £2.27 per copy We have now, through our Patron, attracted substantial sponsorship from major companies and we will continue to pursue this avenue of income to support and finance the cost.

In accordance with a decision made by the AGM some years ago, Members in arrears with their subscriptions do not receive TACAN. Due to the continued close electronic communication between the Treasurer and Secretary, we now encounter very few TACAN returns. Those that we do encounter are quickly found, either by word of mouth or through the 'lost souls' page of the website.

10...ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In December 2005, your Committee applied to the RBL for the right to take an active part in the Whitehall march past annually in November. This was granted and, for the fourth year running, a contingent of some 24 ACA Members took part in the Remembrance march past in London last November. We now march as one FAA contingent and pay our respects at a short ceremony at the FAA Embankment post main parade.

11...SPORTING EVENTS

John Sheldon continues as FO Golf. The 2010 Golf Championship was held prior to the AGM in Bristol where Paul (Sonics) Truss took the Billy Deacon Trophy.

12..FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS/MEETINGS

The 2010 AGM was held in Bristol and the next Committee weekend will take place in September in Northampton. The 2010 Annual gathering will take place at a venue TBA.

..for and on behalf of the Committee of the Association

**IAN WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATION SECRETARY
APRIL 2011**