Now you know what the BSAP Regimental Association does, are you ready to join us? You have an important role to play in what we do and we value your support. To join now and to find out more:

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DID YOU, OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, SERVE IN ONE OF THE FINEST POLICE FORCES IN THE WORLD?

If so, do you know about the BSAP Regimental Association and the range of benefits available to its UK Branch members? Read on for more.

“It’s not the honour you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind.”
The Regimenal Association does to support its members is driven by three founding principles: benevolence, comradeship and more recently, remembrance.

The Association has always provided ways for its members and their families to keep in touch with each other. Thanks to the power of the digital world, our members connect and socialise with their friends and former colleagues in ways that suit their lifestyles and needs.

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

All UK branch members can choose to attend and have access to:

- A range of functions e.g. Regimental dinner, annual braai, Saturday lunchtime AGM and monthly/regional gatherings organised around the UK
- The Outpost (in print and digitally) which includes news of branch and member activity
- BSAP website, Facebook pages and other social media platforms

The history of the BSAP complements the history of Rhodesia. The UK Branch recently launched an immense project to gather, record and preserve the history of the BSAP so that future generations will know we were there and are proud to have been so. Work so far includes: Lodging material in the National Army Museum and Rhodes Library, Oxford; erecting a permanent memorial to the BSAP and placing the Roll of Honour in the Arboretum chapel at the NMA, Staffordshire; creating the BSAP Digital Library (an online compendium of all BSAP magazines produced from 1911); producing and publishing the Books of the BSAP series (16 volumes with more planned for publication); taking part in the UK’s Oral History Project; and attending the Annual Service of Remembrance every November at Westminster.

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

By preserving the heritage of the BSAP, we can ensure the achievements and sacrifices you made as a member of the BSAP do not stay ‘hidden from history’ forever.

The aim of this Q&A is to help clear up some of the myths circulating about the Regimental Association. If you have any questions which aren’t covered below, please contact the UK Branch Hon Sec.

**Q&A**

**Didn’t the BSAP cease to exist at midnight on Friday 1st August 1980?**

While this is an historical fact about the force, the men and women who served in the force did not cease to exist. Many live on and as members of the BSAP Regimental Association, continue to embrace the comradeship and esprit de corps of our incredible police force.

**Is it true that all the Association does is organise events for members to meet up and have a few beers?**

Of course our members meet regularly to reconnect, remember and rehydrate. But they also benefit from a range of other vital services the Association offers e.g. do you know that the UK Branch provides support and welfare to its members, spouses and their families in times of need?

**Why should I join – surely the Association has enough members already?**

The Association can never have enough members. Each month, we lose more and more of the remarkable individuals who worked together to make the BSAP the powerhouse it was. While we can’t cheat the reality of time, we can ensure the heritage of the BSAP lives on long after we are gone by coming together to support the work the Association does now.

**Can I join the Association if I was a reservist?**

Anyone who served with distinction and honour in the BSAP is entitled to join the Association. This includes regulars, reservists, civilians, women and men. It also includes ex-force members who attested in the late 70’s and Associate memberships are available for a member’s immediate family.

**I wasn’t in the force for long and since then, I have made my own contacts so why do I need to join the Association?**

You are missing out. The Association has become an immense and widespread community that continues to grow as an increasing number of people join to share their experiences and reconnect with old friends. We have an extensive database of ex-force members who live across the globe. Have you connected with everyone you might like to? Would you like to support your friends and their families who served with you?

**How does the BSAP Regimental Association fund the work it does?**

The Association is not a self-funding, self-organising machine. All the work it does is only made possible through the voluntary efforts of its committees and members, and by the financial donations and membership subs it receives. We cannot ensure the heritage of the BSAP merits more than a line history by sitting at a keyboard. To stay in business we need to increase, and keep increasing, our membership numbers.