

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS COMMUNITY
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please state the purpose of the Group.2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Purpose of the Group: This is a re-registration of the Group, which was registered during previous Parliamentary Sessions. The Group's purposes are:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. To help the Scottish Parliament to address the challenges facing Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.b. To provide MSPs with a source of information and expertise on issues relating to Scottish Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.c. To bring together those with an interest in the well-being of Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.d. To encourage co-operation in promoting the interests of Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community and their involvement with the Scottish Parliament.e. To assist the Scottish Parliament in meeting Veterans and the Wider Armed Forces Community needs as well as benefiting from their experience.2. Purpose and Public Interest: The Armed Forces and Veterans Community (AFVC) is estimated to make up between 8% and 10% of the population in Scotland. With the Armed Forces Covenant soon to become a legal obligation for statutory Services and others it is important that the Scottish Parliament is aware of the unique obligations and sacrifices made by this community, the disadvantages they may face and special provision that may be required in certain circumstances.3. Overlap with other Cross Party Groups: Whilst topics that are discussed may overlap with other Groups, it is recognised that the AFVC warrant special consideration.

4. Topics for discussion over the next 12 months: Topics that will be discussed in relation to the AFVC include:

- Employment;
- Education;
- Housing;
- Health & Well Being;
- A Strategy for Our Veterans;
- Historic Hurt;
- Data Collection;
- The impact of Covid on the AFVC;
- Covenant into Law Legislation;
- The Contribution to Society made by the AFVC;
- Other topics identified during meetings.

MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Baillie J (Jackie), MSP	Deputy Convenor	Lab
Carlaw J (Jackson), MSP		Con
Clark K (Katy), MSP		Lab
Golden M (Maurice), MSP	Convenor	Con
Griffin M (Mark) MSP		Lab
Lumsden D (Douglas), MSP		Con
Kerr S (Stephen) MSP		Con
MacDonald G (Gordon), MSP		SNP
Mountain E (Edward), MSP		Con
Sweeney P (Paul), MSP		Lab

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	Mr Maurice Corry TD MBA
Organisations	51 Infantry Brigade Action on Hearing Loss Scotland ADES National Transitions Officer Age Scotland Armed Services Advice Project Army Army Families Federation

	<p>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 FirstLight Trust Forces in Mind Trust Garelochhead Station Trust Give Us Time Glasgow Caledonian University Glasgow's Helping Heroes Help for Heroes Housing Options Scotland Local Authority Armed Forces and Veterans Champions Lothian Armed Forces and Veterans Project Lothian Veterans Centre Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association Naval Families Federation NHS Scotland Officers Association Scotland Other organisations have attended from time to time Poppyscotland RAF RAF Association RAF Benevolent Fund RASC and RCT Association Reading Force Recruit for Spouses RFEA The Forces Employment Charity Royal Air Force Families Federation Royal British Legion Scotland Royal Caledonian Education Trust Royal Naval Association Royal Navy SACRO- Veterans Mentoring Service Salute My Jobs SAMH Scotland & NI RAF Association Scotlands Bravest Manufacturing Company (RBLI)</p>
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	Scottish Prison Service Scottish Veterans Garden City Association Scottish Veterans Residences Scottish War Blinded Seafarers UK Sight Scotland Veterans Skills Development Scotland Soldiers off the Streets SSAFA Stand Easy Productions The Coming Home Centre/Community Veterans Support The Officer's Association Scotland The Royal Regiment of Scotland The Scottish Veterans Commissioner The Veterans Foundation Thistle Foundation University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow Venture Trust Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committees Veterans Community Café Veterans First Point Highland Veterans First Point Scotland Veterans for Independence Veterans Housing Scotland Veterans Scotland 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	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP and Gordon Macdonald MSP

Secretary	Mr Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
Treasurer	Mr Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.</p>	
No such financial benefit is anticipated.	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
No Subscription is charged	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
Name	
Parliamentary address	
Telephone number	

<p>Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct</p>	
<p>I declare that the Cross-Party Group on THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS COMMUNITY is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.</p>	
Signed	
Date	

