

## 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

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.

#### 1. Purpose-

1. To help the Scottish Parliament to address the challenges facing Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.
2. To provide MSPs with a source of information and expertise on issues relating to Scottish Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.
3. To bring together those with an interest in the well-being of Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community.
4. To encourage co-operation in promoting the interests of Veterans and the wider Armed Forces Community and their involvement with the Scottish Parliament.
5. To assist the Scottish Parliament in meeting Veterans and the Wider Armed Forces Community needs as well as benefiting from their experience.

2. To assist the parliament in its understanding of the issues faced by those that are serving or have, in the past, served in the Armed Forces and their families. With almost 500,000 members of Armed Forces community in Scotland, it is vital that the MSP understands the unique problems and issues that those in this group can face.

3. There may be overlaps with any Cross-Party Group which discusses but as far as we are aware there will be no direct overlap with any other Cross-Party Group.

4. Key topics for discussion during 2016 – 2017 will be:

1. The Armed Services in Scotland
2. Promoting the Employability of the Service and ex-Service Community, including families
3. Effective Transition from Service to Civilian Life
4. The Health and Well-Being of the Armed Forces Community
5. Access to Accommodation for Service Leavers

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Edward Mountain MSP	Conservative
George Adam MSP	SNP
Gordon Lindhurst MSP	Conservative
Gordon MacDonald MSP	SNP
Ivan McKee MSP	SNP
Jackie Baillie MSP	Labour
Jackson Carlaw MSP	Conservative
Liam Kerr MSP	Conservative
Maurice Corry MSP	Conservative
Richard Lochhead MSP	SNP

**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	
Organisations	Business in the Community Scotland Erskine Housing Options Scotland Legion Scotland Poppyscotland Recruit for Spouses Scottish Veterans Residences The Officer's Association Scotland The Scottish Veterans Commissioner Veterans Scotland 51 Infantry Brigade (Representing the Armed Services)

**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 Corry MSP
Deputy Convener	Jackie Baillie MSP, Richard Lochhead MSP

Secretary	Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland
Treasurer	Jim Wilson; Veterans Scotland

### FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

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.

Secretarial support provided by Veterans Scotland but amount won't surpass £500.

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Not Applicable

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Maurice Corry MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
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### STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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.

Signed	
Date	