

Honourable Artillery Company
Armoury House, City Road, London EC1Y 2BQ

From: The Vice-President and the Regimental Colonel



26 May 2023

INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

1. Background

The introduction of an Associate category of membership was endorsed at the Court Study Day in September 2021. Since then, the Membership Committee and the Court of Assistants have been developing the policy for Associate Membership, with input from the Annual General Court in 2022. At its meeting in February this year, the Court of Assistants agreed to the Membership Committee's policy recommendations for Associate Membership which were ratified by the Annual General Court at its meeting on 22 March 2023.

Associate Membership (see para 2 below) is now available to those who have been closely associated with, and have great affinity for, the HAC, but have not previously qualified for any formal association with the Company. Neither have they enjoyed the recognition they deserve for the support they have given to their Regimental spouse or partner over many years. We are now pleased to invite those eligible to apply for Associate Membership to enable them to enjoy a formal association with the Company.

2. Eligibility: Associate Membership is now available to:

- a. Widows/widowers of Regimental members.
- b. The spouse or civil/enduring partner of Regimental members who have completed 20 years or more membership of the Company.

3. Governance

Associate Membership is being introduced selectively and will initially be capped at 100. Associate Members will be encouraged to form a group to encourage use of Armoury House and its facilities. Rules and Orders, and any supplementary regulations or instructions of the HAC, will apply to Associate Members.

4. Applications

While the Company office has contact details of some widows eligible and will be writing to them, the wider membership is requested to make this opportunity known to their acquaintances who are eligible under sub-paras 2a/2b above and encourage them to apply for Associate Membership. Current Regimental members with the requisite length of Company membership are invited to consider proposing their spouse/partner.

In the first instance enquiries and applications for Associate Membership are to be addressed to the Membership Administrator, Linda Carroll, lcarroll@hac.org.uk tel: 020 7328 1532. Subject to satisfactory eligibility checks, application forms and briefing papers will then be sent to the applicants. Once application forms have been received and verified, Associate Membership will be considered at the next available Membership Committee meeting.

5. The Benefits of Associate Membership and subscription rate are set out in Annex A. We very much look forward to welcoming Associate Members to the Company and to Armoury House where they will receive a warm welcome.



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Vice-President
Chairman, Court of Assistants



Colonel H J P Wilkinson
Regimental Colonel
Chairman, Membership Committee

ANNEX A

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BENEFITS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

1. Subject to the rules and regulations in place from time to time, Associate Members are able to:
 - a. Use the Armoury House facilities at members' rates:
 - i. Restaurant
 - ii. Public Rooms when open including the Sutling Room
 - iii. Bedrooms.
 - b. Attend Company organised functions.
 - c. Receive all Company communications, including the *Journal*, Regimental Fire, newsletters, event notices and announcements.
 - d. Subject to the rules of the individual organisations, join HAC clubs, societies, and associations and attend functions organised by them.
 - e. Have free room hire of the Long Room, or Queen's Room, or Ante Room, or Medal Room for an Associate Members' group event on one occasion per annum.
2. Associate Members will not be able to:
 - a. Stand to be a Court Assistant.
 - b. Vote at the AGC except on their own subscriptions.
 - c. Propose or second new members.
 - d. Have HAC membership of Virgin Active (Moorgate) fitness centre.
 - e. Give or receive Regimental Fire.
3. Associate Members shall be required to resign their membership on divorce or separation from the Regimental Member or on the dissolution of their related Civil Partnership.
4. The subscription fee shall be equivalent to the lowest rate paid by Regimental members. (£45 from 1st November 2023)