

# The Royal Logistic Corps Institution



The Royal Logistic Corps Institution exists to foster the relationship between the RLC and industry; sharing best practice, knowledge and mutual understanding amongst logistics professionals





## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

### Major General Angus Fay CB

In a very uncertain world, in which the challenges to our national security are being realised ever closer to home, it has never been more important for the Army and, in particular, the RLC to understand the context and circumstances in which it must operate.

The innate reliance on industry to help deliver military effect, combined with the challenges to global supply chains and exponential technological advancements requires strong networks and much thought in order to operate effectively.

Military logistics must meet these needs by adapting and transforming, developing its people, adopting new technology and working with allies and industry partners in new and innovative ways; more closely integrated than ever before.

The purpose of the RLC Institution is to promote professional excellence within the Corps, with the emphasis on creating strong professional relationships with organisations from the wider logistics community in industry, academia, professional bodies and the related trade media. We are focused on supporting the professional excellence of RLC soldiers, by providing the fora to encourage thinking about the business of logistics, promote curiosity and discussion, and engaging widely to create a robust business and professional network.

The RLC Institution has firmly established itself as a key pillar of the RLC, building the structure, relationships, and environment for the soldiers of the Corps to enhance their professionalism and experience. Industry and military partners have forged enduring professional relationships, understanding better each other's business, driving more effectively towards adopting best practice, and increasing the professional network that is essential to this endeavour.

As we look to the future, the Institution seeks to play an ever more critical role in creating a *"A Corps of informed, energised, highly professional, inspirational soldiers, with the knowledge and networks to succeed in all environments and circumstances"*. This can only be achieved with partners from industry, academia and professional bodies.

At a time when logistics has never been more visible or more crucial to mission and business success, the Institution continues to strive to build a community of interest based on mutual benefit. We commit to **Explore** all facets of our business, **Encourage** curiosity and discussion, and **Engage** widely to do so, creating business benefit for our members through their direct relationship with RLC people.

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### RLC Institution - Lt Col (Retd) Alan Woods - Director

I have been privileged to serve as Director of the RLC Institution since 2016. We run a wide range of events; some centrally managed and others organised at a regional level. Our events are frequent and varied; some are more hands-on, some thematic and others more discursive. We also run bespoke activities, organised on request with Institution members. We sincerely hope you feel able to support us in our aims and look forward to meeting you at one of our many regional and national events.



## WHAT IS THE RLC INSTITUTION?

The Royal Logistic Corps Institution was established to promote professional excellence within the Corps creating strong professional relationships with organisations from the wider logistics community in industry, academia and professional bodies. The RLC Institution is part of the RLC Association Trust, a registered charity.

RLC soldiers and officers have valuable logistics planning skills and hard won operational experience which have proven to be critical to the Army's success. Our people have to operate in uncertain, complex and often dangerous circumstances. They continuously hone their skills in a wide range of environments - in the home base, training exercises and on global operations. RLC personnel build on their skills throughout their military careers, broadening and deepening their professional training and personal development and linking it to accredited professional and academic qualifications. They can also gain and share their valuable core trade skills - such as driver and supplier - from exposure to the commercial sector, with this experience re-cycled back into the RLC.

The RLC Institution helps to foster links with industry that enables this two-way flow, while also helping our personnel understand the wider logistics workplace and opportunities - ready for the time they choose to transition out of the Army.



## WHY WAS THE RLC INSTITUTION ESTABLISHED?

The RLC wants soldiers and officers to experience what works outside of the military and for such exposure to be a habitual part of their career. We also want to forge a community of interest, based on mutual benefit from which we believe industry can derive a significant competitive edge.

Military logistics is increasingly reliant on integrating the efforts of military logisticians and their commercial counterparts. The impetus is to create leaner, more responsive operational logistic solutions for both home based and global commitments. In achieving this, uniformed and civilian logisticians need to understand one another's businesses and what drives logistics namely common and/or mutual; cultures, language, concepts, processes and practices.

Mutual understanding will help us develop future military logistics solutions that incorporate the cutting edge of the profession, making them operationally and commercially competitive, while also meeting or surpassing the demands of resource necessity and military outputs. Our aim is simple: to facilitate contact and informal, trusted dialogue between the individual communities so we can develop a better joint understanding and draw on the range of skills and experience that exists.



## WHAT DOES THE INSTITUTION DO?

Sponsor, facilitate and organise events of interest to RLC soldiers and officers and our commercial and academic members. These include seminars, 'round-table' events, demonstrations and visits to military units and commercial company locations. It also includes supporting external events with expert military speakers.

- Publication to circa 30,000 members of thought leadership through a variety of media: The RLC Institution Review, white papers, the RLCi LinkedIn page and the RLC Institution website.
- Hosting bespoke events, including those requested by RLC units and individual corporate members, to examine specific issues or topics.
- Hosting an annual awards dinner to recognise military and civilian logistic and professional development excellence.
- Administering other military logistics awards on behalf of other organisations which support the purpose of The RLC Institution.
- Promoting and providing information on academic and professional development opportunities to stimulate discussion and debate.
- Publishes and/or promotes a repository of literature from across a wide range of logistic disciplines including MGL's Professional Reading List which is maintained through the RLCF Book Club.
- Hosting networking events to support transition planning.
- Provides a portal for the RLC retired community to retain or re-generate professional relationships with the serving RLC, enabling them to bring their additional skills and experience back into the community.





## THE BENEFITS OF RLC INSTITUTION MEMBERSHIP?

Institution membership provides the opportunity to get to know the Army Logistics community and gain exclusive insights into military leadership and culture. It also offers the unique opportunity to make a visible and practical contribution to improve military logistics through joint thought leadership development, shared experiences and lessons identified from major exercises and operations.

The synergy between the operational outputs of the RLC and commercial logistic organisations is maintained through the RLC Institution. This highly visible partnering relationship exploits the expertise of the Corps' trades and helps to merge them with the outputs of member organisations at the national and regional levels. Partnering has proven to be beneficial to both the Corps and commercial organisations where both culture and business acumen has migrated freely between personnel at all levels.

As part of the Institution's wider partnering strategy, recognising equivalency of skills, training and education has proven critical in enhancing personal development opportunities. Wherever applicable, accreditation pathways are identified and utilised to aid service personnel transition seamlessly towards civilian employment with the specific aim of enhancing specific commercial organisations' business goals.



# MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

	Friend*	Supporter	Partner
	£1,125	£2,790	£5,460
Discounted advertisement in the RLC Connect Review magazine	●	●	●
Article Submission to the RLC Connect Review Magazine	●	●	●
Log Safari Attendance	●	●	●
Recruitment Editorial and advertisement on the RLC Connect website		●	●
Annual Awards Dinner Attendance **		●	●
Corporate Round table Events		●	●
Regiment/Trade Affiliation			●
Opportunity to apply to sit on the Professional Excellence Committee			●
Bespoke tailored events			●
Invitation to prestigious military events			●

\*The 'Friend' criteria is for smaller companies with a turnover of less than £5M and less than 50 employees. Individuals from industry are not eligible to join.

\*\* Partner receives 2 free places. Supporter receive a 33% discount on 2 places.



For further information regarding the RLC and RLC Institution please visit the websites below:

[www.therlcinstitution.com](http://www.therlcinstitution.com)

[www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk](http://www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk)

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