

2014 IMPACT REPORT

£1.9 MILLION
GRANTED



ROYAL MARINES
CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

SUPPORTING THE ROYAL MARINES THROUGH LIFE



Royal Marines 350
1664 - 2014
Timeless Distinction

A PROUD PART OF

 ROYAL NAVY &
ROYAL MARINE
CHARITY

EVENTS & DONATIONS

INVESTMENTS

LEGACIES

PAYROLL GIVING

£1,982,278 + £297,281 + £145,317 + £443,518

= 2013 INCOME

£2,868,394

- (COST OF RAISING FUNDS + OVERHEADS + RESTRICTED FUNDS)
£601,046 + £356,051 + £9,123

= GRANT TOTAL

£1,902,174

84% OF NET VOLUNTARY INCOME

QUALITY OF LIFE PATHWAY

£800,129

RECOVERY PATHWAY

£658,213

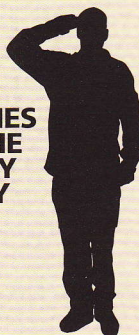
THROUGH LIFE PATHWAY

£443,832

SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW THESE GRANTS HELPED



HELPED
159 MARINES
ALONG THE
RECOVERY
PATHWAY



FINANCIALLY
SUPPORTED 257
VETERANS

WE GAVE 3,013 SEPARATE GRANTS IN 2013

Disclaimer: The information is taken from the fully audited Statutory Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013. Copies are available on request.



**Major General Martin Smith MBE,
Commandant General Royal Marines -
President RMCTF**

April 2013 saw 40 Commando Royal Marines close a chapter in the Corps' history as the last RM unit to return from Operation HERRICK in Afghanistan following 12 years in which the Corps suffered deaths and injuries disproportionate to its size in the British

Armed Forces. Despite the withdrawal, Royal Marines remain deployed on duty serving the nation around the globe 365 days a year, facing challenges which can be life-changing for them and their families, often leaving physical and mental scars which they carry to the end of their lives.

The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund (incorporating The C Group) became the partnered charity of the Corps in 2013, recognising that it supports the whole Royal Marines Family (full-timers, reservists, veterans, families and cadets) through service and beyond – from Lympstone to tombstone. Since its formation in April 2010, through the extraordinary generosity and commitment of our supporters, RMCTF has been able to give £6.5M in grants and add £3.3M to investments to ensure future income, ensuring the support of future need. 2013 was a successful year with £1.9M given in grants, an increase of more than 50% on 2012, and 84% of net voluntary income.

The process of transforming RMCTF into a professional and more effective charity able to make a real impact on the quality of life of those assisted continued with the appointment of more civilian trustees recruited for the skills they could offer in the fields of medicine, risk, audit, finance, fundraising, business experience and entrepreneurial skill. Yet the Charity remains at the heart of the Royal Marines through co-location with my own HQ, the Corps Secretariat and the Royal Marines Association at HMS Excellent in Portsmouth, and at the Commando Training Centre Lympstone.

As we continue to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Corps I commend the work of RMCTF to you and ask you to help us continue to support the wellbeing of the Royal Marines Corps Family, in thanks for their present or past service in the defence of our island nation.

President: Major General Martin Smith MBE

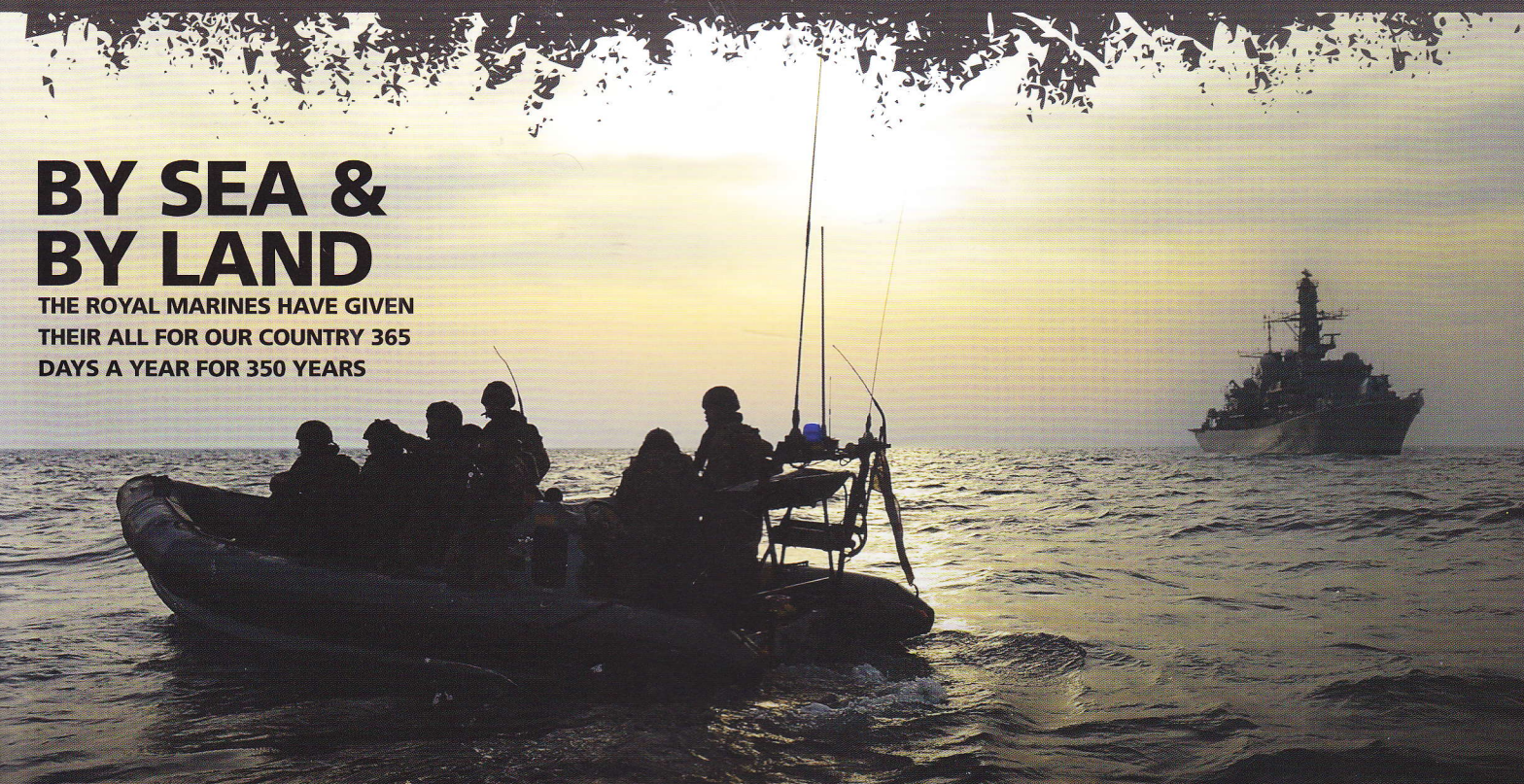
Chair: Major General Jerry Thomas CB DSO

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BY SEA & BY LAND

**THE ROYAL MARINES HAVE GIVEN
THEIR ALL FOR OUR COUNTRY 365
DAYS A YEAR FOR 350 YEARS**



The Corps of Her Majesty's Royal Marines are famous the world over as the Royal Navy's soldiers at sea and as the UK's elite amphibious force. Tough and resilient, a Commando is part of a special brotherhood serving globally 24 hours a day. From the Arctic to Afghanistan, from the Brunei jungle

to counter piracy in the Gulf, Royals made their mark in 2013.

Courage and self-reliance in the face of adversity are part of the Commando spirit. But sometimes, they're not enough. The Royal Marines Charitable Trust Fund supports

Royal Marines when they are deployed on operations, when they are wounded in combat and when recovering from the stresses of the battlefield. The Fund continues to support them when they leave the Corps and also provides for the families of those who lose their lives.

QUALITY OF LIFE PATHWAY

Despite the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the Royal Marines remain heavily committed – anti-piracy duties, protecting the nuclear deterrent, guarding embassies and on Special Forces operations. The Quality of Life Pathway is to boost the morale and efficiency of the serving Corps, by grants to family, welfare and social facilities, adventure training and Corps events.



Combat Art

In 2012, 500 Royal Marines from all ranks of 40 Commando were given a unique opportunity through the Combat Art initiative (the brain child of Anita St.John Gray and Tim Martin) to carry art kits during their last tour of Afghanistan. The specific aim of the project was to offer Commandos the opportunity of documenting and reflecting on their final tour, through using the kit, for which RMCTF provided £9,500, and our partner charity Go Commando £3,000.

Tom Harrison was one Marine who benefitted a great deal from the kits:

"[RMCTF] provided an opportunity for Marines to engage with their own minds and ideas both as a means of dealing with events (good & bad) and boredom which is a significant slice of military life."



The Royal Marines Sports Association (part of RMCTF) exists to improve the efficiency of the Royal Marines by fostering physical fitness and esprit de corps through promoting and assisting in the provision of services, facilities and equipment for sporting and adventurous activities.

Each year RMCTF makes a grant to RMSA for each of the 33 Sports

Clubs and Associations within the Corps to supplement members' own subscriptions. In 2013, this amounted to £119,994.

In 2013 £2,667 was granted for the Corps Rugby Football Club tour to Estonia and Latvia, where they competed against Estonia, Latvia, a French International veterans' team, and the Wales International Deaf XV.

Major Mike Stanton the RM RFC Chairman said;

"The tour was used as a defence diplomatic initiative and a chance to expand the popularity of rugby Union within the Baltic States. A truly great trip."



**ROYAL MARINES
SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

**INCLUDING £37K
TO SUPPORT THE
COMMUNITY THROUGH
FAMILY EVENTS**



**WE GAVE
490 GRANTS**

RECOVERY PATHWAY

Royal Marines face dangers we can never imagine and aim always to be first to understand, first to adapt and first to overcome as they live out the Commando Spirit values of determination, unselfishness and cheerfulness in adversity. Although advances in battlefield medicine ensure survival rates unimaginable in previous eras, this means that significant numbers of returning Royal Marines have had to leave the service because of the extent of their injuries. Being a Royal Marine is a state of mind, and mental strength and wellbeing is a Marine's best weapon. Sadly, the savage strains of conflict can also result in injuries which are not physical but which can be just as debilitating.

RMCTF and C Group grants have funded equipment, services and education to support Marines, and their families, as they travel the Recovery Pathway and in the difficult transition from Marine into civilian.

WE GAVE 220 GRANTS



Corporal Phil Eaglesham

"Three years ago, I contracted an illness known as Query Fever while on tour in Afghanistan. Q Fever is an illness that is caused by bacteria that comes from animals and develops into spores, which are then inhaled.

After my diagnosis, life was a constant struggle for both my wife and I while we not only dealt with the physical challenges, but came to terms with what was going on.

In August 2013, we finally got the respite and support we needed when the RMCTF supported us with a holiday to Florida. I can't put into words what this opportunity meant to our whole family, to see my boys happy without a worry or care in the world in Disney was priceless.

Back at home we were still facing the struggles of everyday life as living in the accommodation we had was too difficult, so with further support from the charity, we were able to move into a specially adapted bungalow. This has given me a lot more independence; I can actually get into my children's rooms and kiss them goodnight, something so simple that we all take for granted but was soul destroying not being able to do.

**NOTHING I COULD WRITE
WOULD EVER BE ENOUGH
TO EXPLAIN HOW GRATEFUL,
HONOURED AND HUMBLLED
I AM AND FOREVER WILL BE.
THE RMCTF HAS GIVEN US
A LIFE TO LOOK FORWARD
TO, RATHER THAN ONE THAT
BRINGS NIGHTMARES. I COULD
GO ON BUT I COULD NEVER
DO IT JUSTICE."**

JUST SOME RECOVERY PATHWAY GRANTS GIVEN IN 2013:

- £200 paid for a wheelchair ramp fitted into the house of an injured Royal Marine
- £1000 paid for a year's counselling sessions to support the child of a serving Royal Marine
- £1200 paid for a car adaptation for an injured marine
- £2600 paid for a family respite holiday
- £3500 paid for an adventurous training trip to support a PTSD sufferer
- £5000 paid for an activities arm
- £10000 funded one year of a degree course for a medically discharged Royal Marine who is embarking on a new career
- £88000 paid for a pair of x3 prosthetic legs and sockets for an above-knee amputee

Major Matt Hood

Following surgery in 2012 for injuries sustained during his service, Matt suffered a sudden and complete amnesia. Matt did not recall his family, home, friends or anything about his life, even daily activities like eating, washing and reading were suddenly a mystery.

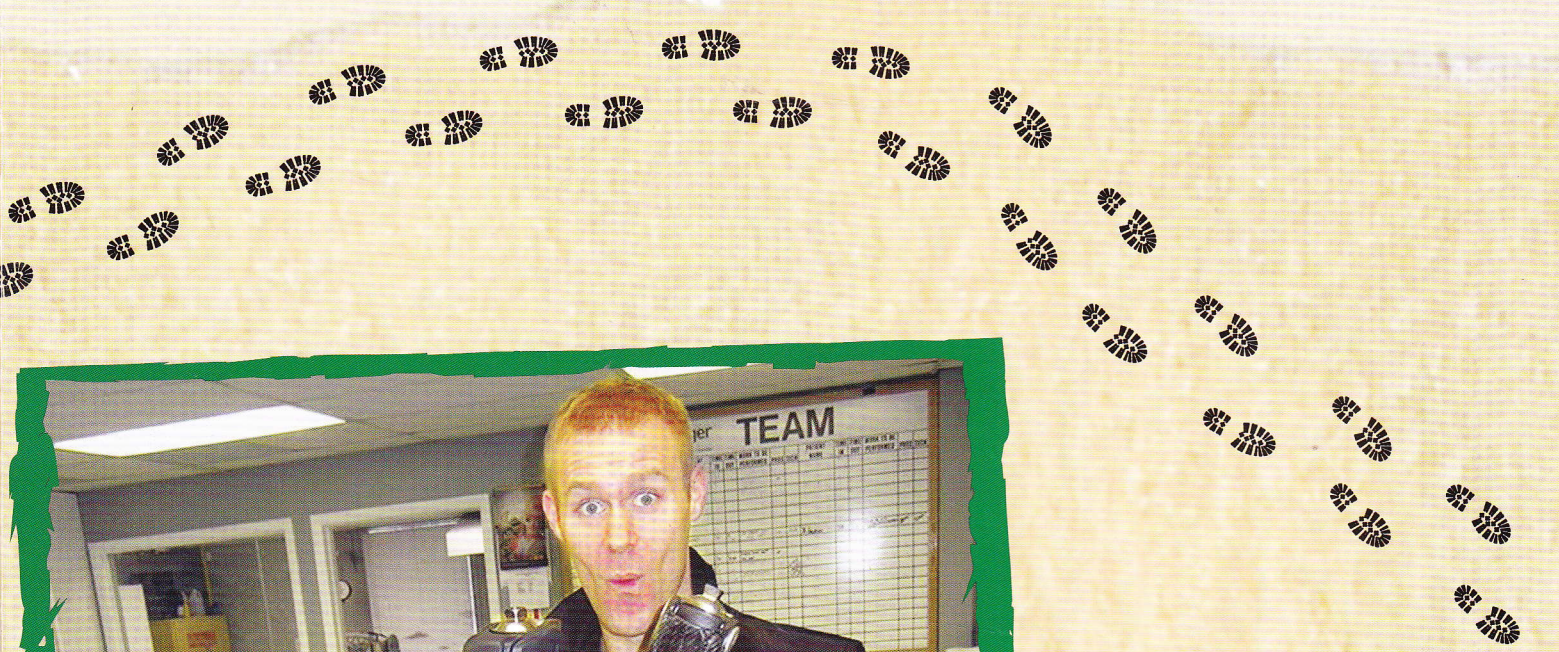
The impact upon his family was enormous. Suddenly the husband, father figure, friend and irrepressible Royal Marines officer had

gone. Matt was left terrified of everything; noise, light, movement all provoked a fearful response and the distress in his family as they saw him struggle to understand what was happening to him was acute.

The Corps through Hasler Company were able to bring some stability and professional help to this distressing situation. A medical and care team was established and Matt was looked after by Hasler Company, taking a huge pressure off his family, allowing them to

get on with their lives knowing that Matt was in safe hands.

It has taken 18 months to get Matt to the point where he can function well enough to get on with his life. Matt knows that he may never fully recover, but the medical team and Hasler staff, supported by RMCTF, along with many wonderful friends and family have brought him and his family to a point where he can start a new life outside of the Corps.



Mark Ormrod

"On Christmas Eve 2007, while out on foot patrol in Afghanistan, I stepped on a buried landmine causing me to lose both my legs above the knee and my arm above the elbow.

Since having my sockets fitted 3 ½ years ago, I had lost a lot of weight and my sockets then did not fit, resulting in chafing and an increase in pain, meaning that I was off my legs more than I would have liked.

WITH THE HELP & SUPPORT OF THE RMCTF AND THE C GROUP I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE FITTED WITH THE BEST PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN THE WORLD AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, I AM ABLE TO BE FULLY INDEPENDENT AND LIVE AS CLOSE TO AN ORDINARY LIFE AS POSSIBLE. BOTH MY FAMILY AND MYSELF ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL."

"THE RMCTF OFFERED US SUPPORT WITHIN HOURS. IT WAS LIKE HAVING A HUGE MAN HUG JUST WHEN I NEEDED IT."

WE'VE HELPED 159 MARINES ALONG THE RECOVERY PATHWAY



THROUGH LIFE PATHWAY

We provide grants to individual serving and retired Royal Marines in need with the assistance of our sister Corps organisation the Royal Marines Association, which has 82 membership branches across the country to encourage mutual support. Grants are made to vast range of veterans who have served in conflicts from the Second World War to the recent operations, and are often made alongside funds from our partner charity the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust. 2013 saw a further rise in the number of applications and in the average grant made.

The Royal Marines is a Corps Family, and with RMCTF's help it can take care of its own through hard times, ill health, old age and late-onset post-traumatic stress arising from the mental scarring of war.



Trauma Risk Management for Veterans

When individuals have served in the Armed Forces and experienced the challenges of operational deployments, they may take resulting memories both good and bad with them when they return to civilian life.

Trauma Risk Management is a ground breaking Royal Marines programme for dealing with post-traumatic stress that has been used effectively by the Corps in Afghanistan and has been adopted by the wider Armed Forces.

RMCTF has granted £260,000 for a two-year pilot programme for veterans. Former Marines from wars of the last 70 years will receive the help that did not exist before the current Afghan campaign. Over 50 Royal Marines Association volunteers were trained in the latter half of 2013 in order to offer this service across the country through RMA's local branch national footprint. They began to offer care to veterans in early 2014.

www.trim4veterans.org



Support to the bereaved

On top of a grant from the Naval Service Dependents' Fund that goes to all Naval Service personnel RMCTF pays a grant of £5,000 to the next of kin of Marines who die in service within 48 hours of death, in order to meet immediate expenses.

5 DEATH IN SERVICE GRANTS

"ALTHOUGH IT HAS TAKEN ME SOME TIME TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE, I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOUR CHARITY HAS HELPED SET ME AND MY DAUGHTER UP FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES."

RM widow

JUST SOME THROUGH LIFE PATHWAY GRANTS GIVEN IN 2013:

- £1,600 Solicitors fees
- £300 Carpets
- £600 Rent
- £750 Oil tank
- £400 White goods
- £450 Food and subsistence
- £550 Debt
- £200 Removal costs
- £950 Tax arrears
- £800 Wet room
- £500 Sports wheelchair
- £900 Roof repairs
- £700 Respite break
- £850 Car repairs

**WE GAVE
303 GRANTS**

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

Everything we do is dedicated to supporting the Royal Marines Corps Family. The difference we made this year was staggering, and it would not have been possible without your enthusiasm, energy and good will. You have told us about 188 events, and from that we have raised £639,000. 5000 Royal Marines are signed up to Corps Subscriptions, and from that we raised £443,000 in 2013.

Thank you to all our fundraisers – those who

have undertaken some extraordinary and tough challenge events; organised, hosted or attended events; designed and sold merchandise; or taken part in the year round fundraising undertaken by the Royal Marines Association through its branches and its Concert Band, which together raised £92,000 in 2013 for RMCTF. Thank you also to our supporters who have donated so generously. Thank you also to our fundraising partners for their support in 2013: Ondra Partners,

Patron Capital, the Royal Marines Action Group, Eventful (South West) Ltd, Lifetime Challenge Events Ltd, Go Commando and HELP OUR WOUNDED Supporting Arms. Thank you to the Corps for hosting and offering support to events and auction prizes.

Thank you to our parent the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity for indispensable staffing support.

LOOKING BEYOND RM350



Our original fundraising campaign launched with the Charity in 2010 culminates at the end of 2014, the year of the 350th anniversary of the Royal Marines.

We welcome your support to help us to achieve our target to raise our investment funds by £6M so as to ensure we have income to support the ongoing needs of the wounded, injured and sick in years to come.

The more money we raise, the more we can give back. The more money we raise, the greater difference we will make to former and serving Royal Marines and their families.

The Royal Marines may fall out of the public eye with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but their needs will grow. Your challenge is to help us to help them.

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