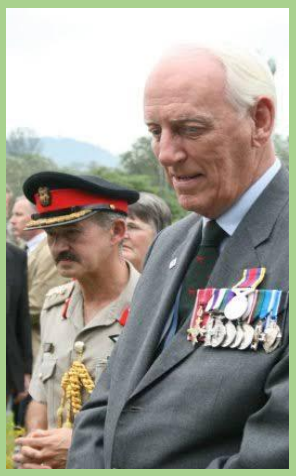
Notice Board

General Sir Garry Johnson KCB OBE MC

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the passing of General Sir Garry Johnson on 9 November 2026, at the age of 89. Sir Garry was a former president of the NMBVA association for many years until he retired in 2022. Apart from honouring the association as our president. Sir Garry held many senior roles, including commander of British forces in Hong Kong and Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in Northern Europe. All of our veterans will sadly miss Sir Garry, and on behalf of the NEC and all members of the association, our sincere condolences and thoughts go to Lady Johnson and her family on this very sad association.

John Measham
National Chairman, UK



General Sir Garry Johnson

Christmas in Malaya

I'm looking for Christmas photos you would like to share with our members while serving in Malaya. They can be taken any time around Christmas, either of your mates or family.
Please send to John Measham by email nmbva.jsm@gmail.com

Request for stories of military personnel who married local girls while serving in Malaya.

Journalist, Zaharah Othman from the Malaysian *Straits Times* newspaper has asked whether any of our members would like to share their story.

Zaharah has told many stories of our servicemen over the years and is a very accomplished journalist and writer. Link to one of many stories.
https://www.nst.com.my/news/2017/02/211752/postcard-zaharah-love-triumphs-tropics-video

If you would like your story to be told, please contact John Measham, either by email nmbva.jsm@gmail.com or mobile 07899877124.

PJM Ceremony

I would like to provide a brief update regarding the proposed Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) Conferment Ceremony, which was initially being considered for June 2026. Please be informed that we are currently still awaiting the necessary approval from our Headquarters in Malaysia. As such, it is now unlikely that the ceremony will be held in June as initially anticipated.

We fully appreciate the continued support, patience and cooperation from the UK Medal Office, NMBVA and EXBGA in relation to the PJM matters. We will provide further updates as soon as we receive confirmation and guidance from our Headquarters regarding the way forward and any revised timeline for the ceremony.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause and thank you once again for your kind understanding and continued assistance.

Defence Office High Commission of Malaysia, London.

Unfortunately, I have been informed by the Malaysian Defence Adviser that there is a further delay until 2027. There are no further details at this time.

Malaysia Trip 2027

I would like to gauge the interest in a trip to Malaysia in August 2027 to celebrate the 70th year of Malaysia's independence.

The trip I am proposing is 10 nights in Penang followed by 4 nights in Kuala Lumpur. This trip will be in the same format as 2007 and 2017. Part official and part holiday. We will be visiting war cemeteries, holding short parades at the Cenotaph in Penang and taking part in Independence Day in Kuala Lumpur. The holiday day will be BBQs, boat trips around the Island of Penang, gala dinner and plenty of free time for you to arrange things for yourselves.

The idea is for us to travel independently but meet up at the same hotels. This is for those that have a budget and for those that may wish to extend that trip.

If you would like to show your interest, please contact John Measham at **nmbva.jsm@gmail**.com or on 07899 877124.