



Eastern England

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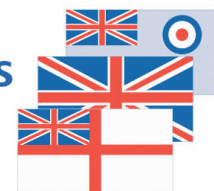
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Mr J L Jelley MBE JP (Chairman)

For more than 30 years, Jonathan has held senior executive positions in global banks and financial institutions. He was asked by the US tycoon Michael Bloomberg to establish the Bloomberg Financial Information business in the Gulf States of the Middle East resulting in multi million pound revenues across seven countries.

He has supported SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity since 1995, has been a trustee since 2005 and has completed the first ever Strategic Review as National Vice Chairman (Strategic Development). He was appointed MBE in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List 2012.

He supports a number of charities at board level, is a Freeman of the City of London and has been a Magistrate since 2006.

He is married to Jo and lives in North Cambridgeshire.



Lt Cdr D Mincher RN (Retd) (Vice Chairman)

David enjoyed a first career in the Royal Navy where, having joined as an Artificer Apprentice, he rose through the ranks to fulfil his ambition of being the Senior Mechanical Engineer Officer in a Trident submarine. His varied sea appointments included service in 2 aircraft carriers, the Royal Yacht Britannia and all 4 Trident submarines. Shore appointments were in various Staff officer and training roles.

Having retired after 24 years service he is now a Shift Manager at the Sizewell B Nuclear power station, responsible for the safe operation of the UK's only commercial Pressurised Water Reactor. In his spare time he is a volunteer for a number of charities including SSAFA, the Royal British Legion and the Support Network of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers where he is also an elected Trustee.

Married to Carol, they live in Eastern Suffolk.



Dr Mike Almond QVRM AE DM FRCP VR

Retired NHS consultant physician with over 30 years reserve service with the Royal Air Force having deployed both on aeromedical duties and as a physician, now working as a part time reservist in aviation medicine.

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Mr A J Barnard

Broad industrial experience in marketing, recruiting and finally factory management. For much of this time I served in the Territorial Army. Therefore through the connections I made it was possible to assist retiring regular personnel into employment. Similarly, it has been possible to advise veterans regarding pensions queries. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to help veterans with questions and concerns about welfare issues.



Ms S Brenchley JP

Sue Brenchley, a Chartered Fellow of the CIPD, spent over 30 years working for the Ministry of Defence in central London and Cambridgeshire. Having worked in central policy divisions, Sue subsequently specialised in Human Resources and she continues to work in that field within private industry and for charity today.

Sue sits on a number of panels and committees, including the Lord Chancellor's Cambridgeshire Advisory Committee in relation to her work as a JP.

She has family military connections and is also an occasional volunteer at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre on their special event open days.



Dr I M Calder TD, MA, MD, DSC, MRCP, FRCPath, FHKCPath, FFOM, DMJ (Path)

Initial military experience in Royal Artillery, fought a rear-guard action to remain in TA, but lost battle and eventually was transferred to RAMC (TA). Served in Field Ambulance and General Hospital rising to Colonel. Finally was Hon Col to 254 Fd Ambulance RAMC (V).

Civil occupation – Hon Senior Lecturer at The Royal London Hospital Medical School in Pathology and special interest in Occupational Diseases. Diploma in Disability Medical Assessment seconded to Ministry of Defence as Civilian Consultant Advisor. Later Regional Sub Dean for Royal Society of Medicine and until 2015 member of Ministry of Defence Research and Ethical Committee. Hon Lecturer at Institute of Naval Medicine in Gosport for Post Graduate Courses and currently member of Her Majesty's Coroners in South East England.

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Mr Robert Catton

Alongside my career in pensions, insurance, telecommunications and defence, I have served in the Army Reserves for ten years. Whilst undertaking some specific training in my civilian career, I am currently enjoying acting as an Instructor within the Cadet Forces ahead of seeking to return to the Reserves again later this year. I support a wide range of military charities at both local and national level and through these, and alongside my role as Chairman of an East of England Development Trust, I am currently focused on issues of homelessness, service transition, resettlement and post-service support amongst UK veterans in particular. Personally, I have benefitted a great deal from the time, generosity and considerable support that others have put into these services, and as a member of the East of England VAPC it is my hope that I will not only be able to repay this support, but that I will be able to make a considerable and positive difference to the issues that matter most to UK Veterans.



Capt Edward Connolly (Retd)

Edward Connolly served in The Life Guards and then went on to run his own Hotel in London. Having sold the business he now spends his time as a part time numismatist and the Adjutant of the Light Cavalry, Honourable Artillery Company.

He is involved as a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' and volunteers for various charities in East Anglia.

Edward is married with two children and lives in Norfolk



Gp Capt Barrie Griffiths (Retd)

I served for 34 years in the RAF until I was medically discharged in 2015. I have first hand experience of the challenges of leaving the military, transitioning to being a veteran and dealing with the unique challenges of being a wounded, injured or sick ex-serviceman. I am an Ambassador for Help for Heroes and a trained RAF Association caseworker. Since retiring from the RAF my life is committed to supporting those who may need some support in getting to where they want be to in their life and being a proud member of the East of England VAPC gives me an opportunity to seek to fulfil that commitment.

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Ms P Kingham JP

Having had a varied career in both London and Cambridgeshire Penny was appointed to the Bench in Wisbech in 1994. She was the first Chair of the Cambridgeshire Combined Family Panel; she served as the Magistrate member of the Police Authority (where she was awarded a letter of commendation for her work on the Soham murders). Chaired the Wisbech BTDC and was a Court Chairman in both the Adult and Family Courts for many years. Penny was appointed as a Deputy Bench Chair in 2015 and became Chair of the Cambridgeshire Bench on 1st January 2016. This year, 2017, whilst continuing as the Cambridgeshire Bench Chair, she was also elected Vice Chair of the Eastern Region, with sixteen benches, comprising over three thousand Magistrates.

Outside all this, Penny is involved in a number of charities, including GAP learning which helps disadvantaged people of all ages. She enjoys travel, reading and various handicrafts.



Maj T Ormiston (Retd)

After a career of 37 years in the Army, Tom retired as a Logistics Officer in the rank of Major and immediately went to work with Blesma, The Limbless Veterans as a Support Officer.

He is responsible for 410 members in the East Anglia, East Midlands area. He has been a member of the EVAPC and its predecessor, the War Pensions Committee, for 9 years.



Mrs D Preston

Diane is a solicitor and has spent her career working at law firms in the City of London. Diane is married with four children and has many interests including sport and charitable work.

Diane has been a member of the Eastern VAPC since 2010 and is committed to assisting all veterans to obtain the benefits they are entitled to and support when they need it.

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Mr I Stewart

I was a full career aircrew officer in the RAF and since retiring in 1993 my aim was to help Veterans and their families. I have been involved with SSAFA for 19 years as a caseworker, Chairman of Hertfordshire for 10 ten years and now a Vice President. Since 2010 I have been a committee member for SSAFA Gildea House.

I have been involved with the Eastern VAPC for 10 years and have found that VAPC and Service Charities are complimentary. I have found recent changes enlightening and forward thinking, taking Veterans UK and Service Charities into the modern era.

I enjoy dinghy sailing & power boating, also involved for last 8 years with a sailing charity for the disabled.



Mr C Titmuss

Chris has worked in the military charity sector for many years, and for The Royal British Legion since 2010. Chris is also a trustee for Help 4 Forgotten Allies, a charity which supports Burmese veterans living in Burma and Thailand who served with the British during the Second World War. Chris is also currently studying an MSc in Global Military Veterans and Family Studies at Anglia Ruskin University.

"I am incredibly proud to serve on the East of England VAPC and am looking forward to using my professional and academic skills to further help the Armed Forces Community."