

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS



Colonel in Chief QARANC

Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex

Appointed 01 July 2003

Director of Army Nursing Services

Colonel WJ Spencer RRC QHN L/QARANC

The Colonel Commandant

Appointed by her majesty the Queen on the advice of the director of Army Nursing Services and has a Tenure of 3-4years. There are currently two Colonels Commandant:

Colonel McEvelly CBE ARRC and Colonel Kennedy TD

A Brief History of the QARANC

- 1902 Foundation of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (QAIMNS)
- 1949 QAIMNS becomes a Corps as Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps
- 1950 Servicewomen are recruited into what was an all officer corps and student nurse training commences
- 1992 Male nurses transferred from the Royal Army Medical corps
- 2002 Centenary celebrations
- 2009 First Health Care Assistant Commission



Queen
Alexandra

Regimental Headquarters

The Regimental Headquarters are located in The Former Army Staff College at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. It is presided over by a Regimental Secretary, currently Major J Evans, a retired officer of the Corps. She acts as Secretariat for the Colonel Commandant and on behalf of the Trustees dispenses Benevolence for the needy from the Corps Charities.

Corps Day

27 March – anniversary of the formation of the QAIMNS (Celebrated on the nearest Sunday)

Corps Badge

The Cypher of HM the late Queen Alexandra combined with the Dannebrog, the whole within a laurel wreath inscribed with the Corps motto - Sub Cruce Candida (Under the White Cross) surmounted by a crown. On the lower portion of the wreath a scroll inscribed QARANC.

Regimental March

Quick March – Grey and Scarlet

The Corps Collect

O God, who through the healing touch of thy dear Son, didst recover the sick and relieve their pain, grant to us who serve beneath Thy cross in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, such love towards Thee and devotion to our duty that the shadows may pass from those entrusted to our care, their darkness lighten into faith and hope, and Thy love bring healing peace, for His sake who was content to suffer for all mankind, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Corps Strength (Jan 2009)

The current manning strength of the QARANC is approximately 830 Officers and Soldiers made up of the following Career Employment Groups:

Nursing Officer – Adult	Soldier Nurse - Adult
Nursing Officer – Mental Health	Soldier Nurse – Mental Health
Nursing Cadets	Student Nurses – Adult & Mental Health
Nurse Bursars	Health Care Assistants

Where do the QARANC work?

Ministry of Defence Hospital Units (MDHUs)

The British Army work alongside the NHS in five MDHUs located at Frimley Park in Surrey; Queen Alexandra's Hospital in Portsmouth; Derriford Hospital in Plymouth; Edith Cavell Hospital in Peterborough and Friarage Hospital in Northallerton, North Yorkshire; as well as The Royal Centre for Defence Medicine in Birmingham. The QARANC also provide primary and secondary nursing care to the Army in Northern Ireland, Canada, Germany and Cyprus.

Field Units

The QARANC work within 3 Field Hospitals and 6 Medical Regiments (Regular Army) as well as in a variety of Territorial Army Medical Units.

Staff & Command

There are opportunities for both QARANC Officers and Soldiers to work in a Staff and Command setting such as Training and Development, Manning, Recruitment, and Personnel.

Training and Education

There are QARANC Officers and Soldiers working in the Health Care Assistant Training School, Birmingham City University and in Army Training Centres.

Operational Deployment

The QARANC serve on Operations world-wide and provide primary and secondary nursing care to the British Army wherever it may be serving. Current deployments:

Op TELIC – Iraq

Op HERRICK - Afghanistan