

Obituary: Jack Aspinall QPM



We are sad to announce the passing of former Chief Constable and our Patron Jack Aspinall, aged 97, on Sunday 26th July 2026.

Jack had a long and distinguished career in the Royal Military Police before joining the Force in 1978 when he was appointed as Assistant Chief Constable Northern Area at Rosyth. At the time of his appointment, it was recognised that his military background and knowledge of the workings of the Ministry of Defence would be an asset to the MDP. He transferred to Force HQ in London as ACC Operations in June 1980 and in January 1981 was appointed Deputy Chief Constable.

In June 1985 he was appointed Chief Constable, awarded the Queens Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 1987 and retired in February 1990.

It was during his time as Chief Constable at the request of a few retired officers who felt that friendships born out of their police service should continue into retirement and be cemented into a more formal footing, that he agreed to set up the Retired Officers Association in 1987.

In those early days retired officers were invited to attend Pass Out Parades at the Training School at Medmenham and from there the Association developed into the organisation it is today. In 1999 the MDPROA Committee decided that some form of recognition be given to Jack and he kindly accepted the position of Patron of the Association. He was a great supporter and very much enjoyed attending the annual general meetings until a few years ago when ill health prevented him from so doing.

Our thoughts are with all the family at this sad time.

Jack's funeral service will take place at Chichester Crematorium, Westhampnett Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 7UH on Thursday 27th August 2026 at 12.30pm and afterwards at The Lamb Inn, 144 Pagham Road, Bognor Regis PO21 4NJ.