



National Artillery Association Competition Winners 2014 to 2015

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Over the training year 2014 - 2015, sub-units from 101, 103, 104 and 105 Regiments competed internally for the NAA Trophies set out below. The testing assessed units to the CI capability and was conducted by the team from RA GTT.

The competition this year for the Best Close Support Gun Sub pitted Gun Subs from 103 Regiment against 105 Regiment.

NAA Challenge Cup for Heavy Artillery Brigades 1930

Best MLRS Detachment: 101 Regiment RA

NAA Queens Cup 1896

Best UAS Detachments: 104 Regiment RA

NAA Challenge Cup (1930)

Best Close Support Gun Sub, competed for by 103 Regiment RA and 105 Regiment RA

Please Note: The Thales Trophy for Best Defence Detachment competed for from within the 106 Regiment RA has not been competed for this training year as 106 Regiment RA have had to re-roll from Rapier to Tracked HVM and to establish a new Battery in Portsmouth. The first deployment Exercise of 106 Regiment RA is due to take place next month and the viability of competing in the NAA Trophy 2015/6 will be assessed then.



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Citations

[NAA King George VI Challenge Cup 1937](#) (presented by King George VI to the NAA in 1937)

Best MLRS Detachment - 101 Regiment RA

The NAA Competition was conducted during Ex Steel Sabre on Otterburn Training Area in March this year. RA GTT assessed the CP and the two launcher crews from 101 Regiment RA and the following areas were assessed and marked.

- Issue and Receipt of Deployment Orders
- Deployment
- Layout of Hides and Reload Points
- Receipt and Execution of a Fire Mission
- Reload
- Dry Firing

Both Launcher Detachments carried out their drills extremely well and were neck and neck with near full marks at the end of stage 1. Finally, both DC's sat a written test and the outcome of the competition was decided by a 1 point difference between the two crews.

The NAA Challenge Cup (1937 for Best MLRS Launcher for the Training Year 2014/2015 and by the narrowest of margins (1 point) is awarded to the Launcher Detachment commanded by Bdr Nuttall from 204 Battery, 101 Regiment RA.

The Trophy will be collected on his behalf by WO2 (BSM) Sharp 204 Battery, 101 Regiment RA.

[NAA Queens Cup dated 1896](#) (presented to 3rd Middlesex Artillery Volunteers in 1896)

Best UAS Detachments - 104 Regiment RA

104 Regiment conducted two Flying Dragon Exercises in Camp Roberts, USA, in May and in September/October 2014.

The Competition was laid on at the end of each Battery's camp, during which a "return to flying" programme was conducted to bring the soldiers up to speed on the Desert Hawk 3 (DH3) system, conducted after a BOWMAN conversion course. The final phase of the camp involved a tactical



exercise out on the Roberts training area – complete with snakes and tarantulas – at the end of which a series of demanding tests were set for the detachment in question.

Each Battery was allowed to pick its best team for this final challenge, and the assessment was conducted by the Royal Artillery Gunnery Training Team and Army Aviation Standards. Whilst technical flying skills were the particular order of the day, tactical awareness and teamwork were also key in performing to the required standard.

Despite tough competition, Bdr Perrins and his team made a particularly impressive show, and were adjudged to be the clear winners.

The NAA Queens Cup 1896 for the Best UAS Detachment for the Training Year 2014 – 2015 is awarded to Bdr Perrins from 217 Battery.

The Trophy will be collected by Maj Kershaw BC 217 Battery 104 Regiment RA.

NAA Challenge Cup 1930 (A large silver cup and lid with cast double scroll handles traditionally awarded to the 'Runners Up' to the Queens Cup Competitions and then the Best Gun Regiment Competitions)

Best Close Support Gun Sub competed for by 103 Regiment RA and 105 Regiment RA

103 Regiment deployed on their OTX to Ex Viking Star, Denmark in September 2014 and the NAA Competition for 103 Regiment took place on the Oksboel training area. 103 Regiment entered 4 gun subs and these were tested by WO2 (SMIG) Davey from the Royal Artillery Training Team and the results banked.

105 Regiment deployed to Otterburn training area from 13-15 February 2015 to conduct Live Firing. The exercise included direct firing, modified indirect fire, occupation of a night hide as well as low level detachment training. 105 Regiment entered 2 gun subs to the NAA competition and they were tested on Sat 14 Feb 15. The competition carried out by the Royal Artillery Gunnery Training Team consisted of a written test paper and an assessment of their in and out of action drills.

After fierce competition from both Regiments the results were now all in the bag and the RA GTT had a clear winner. Topping the list with a 95% pass mark was the composite Gun sub from 206/212 Bty 105 Regiment.

The NAA Challenge Cup 1930 for the Best Gun Sub commanded by Sgt McCol 212 Bty for the Training Year 2014 – 2015 is awarded to B Sub (206 / 212) Bty 105 Regiment RA.

The Trophy will be collected on behalf of B Sub by Sgt Cunningham 207 Battery, 105 Regiment RA.