



## **Chair of the Finance Committee (Unpaid, Non-Executive Role)**

**Location:** South West England

**Reports to:** Wx RFCA Board

**Type:** Unpaid, Non-Executive

**Expenses:** Claimable

### **About Us:**

Wessex RFCA is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to being the essential, effective, and enduring partner that supports and enables tri-service Reserves, Cadets, and the wider Armed Forces community across the South West.

### **Role Overview:**

We are seeking an experienced and dedicated individual to chair our Finance Committee. This pivotal role will involve:

- Scrutinising in-year expenditure up to £6m and year-end audited accounts.
- Managing financial reserves and scrutinise proposed funding streams.
- Ensuring compliance with government and departmental policies.
- Supporting and advising the full-time Wx RFCA finance team.
- Considering funding requests and recommending resource allocations.

### **Key Abilities:**

- **Financial Expertise:** Strong background in accounting, auditing, or financial analysis.
- **Governance & Risk Management:** Experience in corporate governance and risk mitigation.
- **Legal & Regulatory Knowledge:** Understanding of financial compliance and regulatory frameworks.
- **Strategic & Analytical Thinking:** Ability to contribute to strategic planning and provide actionable insights.
- **Ethical Integrity & Independence:** Commitment to impartiality and high ethical standards.
- **Communication & Interpersonal Skills:** Clear communication and collaboration with stakeholders.
- **Support & Advising:** Provide guidance and advice to the full-time Head of Finance.

**Time Commitment:**

- Attendance at 3 association board meetings per year (in-person/virtual).
- Chairing 3 finance committee meetings per year (in-person/virtual).
- Participation in other committee meetings and special events as appropriate.
- Approximately 4-6 additional hours per month preparing.
- In-person meetings will be held at our Headquarters in Taunton.

**Desirable Experience:**

- ACA, ACCA or equivalent professional certification in accounting or banking.
- Proven experience in financial governance and risk management.
- Strong analytical, strategic planning, and communication skills.

**Benefits and Support:**

- Opportunity to make a significant impact.
- Professional development and networking opportunities.
- Training and support provided.
- Enhance your corporate social responsibility profile.
- Build connections with the Armed Forces community.

**Additional Information:**

- **Term length:** 3 years with the option to extend to 5 years.
- Incumbent can serve for a **maximum** of 2 such terms.
- Reimbursement of reasonable expenses is provided.
- Prior military service may be an advantage but is certainly not a pre-requisite.

Join us in making a difference for the Armed Forces community. Apply now to contribute your financial expertise and leadership to our mission.

**To apply:**

Applicants should send their CV and a covering letter/email outlining your relevant experience and suitability for the appointment, in strict confidence to: Hannah Owen, Deputy Chief Executive, Wessex RFCA, Mount House, Mount Street, Taunton, TA1 3QE (Email: [wx-cedep@rfca.mod.uk](mailto:wx-cedep@rfca.mod.uk)) to arrive no later than 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview in early/mid-September 2025. The successful applicant will be invited to the Wessex RFCA AGM and Defence Insight Brief in Taunton on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

For more information, visit <https://www.wessex-rfca.org.uk/>.

Connect with us on LinkedIn to learn more about Wx RFCA and our initiatives.

Applications required by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.