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ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE AND PARADE – SATURDAY, 1ST JUNE 2013

Introduction

1. Every year, on the first Saturday of June, the Royal Military Police (RMP) and the Royal Military Police Association (RMPA) hold an Annual Church Service and Parade at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) at:

The National Memorial Arboretum
Croxall Road
ALREWAS
Staffordshire. DE13 7AR
Tel No: 01283 792333

or information at thenma.org.uk

2. The day will be co-ordinated on behalf of the Provost Marshal (Army) (PM (A)), by the Provost Sergeant-Major (ProSM), the Regimental Secretary (Regt Sec) and the RMPA National Events Co-ordinator (NEC). All serving members of the RMP and the RMPA, together with their partners, are encouraged to attend.

Outline of Events/Timings

3. The outline of the day is as follows:

a. Assembly. All personnel should assemble at the NMA no later than 1045 hrs.

b. Church Service. A multi-denomination Church Service, led by the Corps Chaplain Father Peter Newsam, will take place in the NMA Chapel at 1130 hrs. The reading of scripture within the Service will be detailed by the Regt Sec.

c. Parade. A Parade of RMPA Standards and all personnel will take place following the Church Service. The format of the parade will be dictated by attendance and will be co-ordinated by the NEC assisted by the Pro SM and the RMPA Parade Marshal.

d. Service of Remembrance. A short Service of Remembrance will be held at the RMP/RMPA plot within the NMA. The service will be led by Father Peter Newsam during which wreaths will be laid. As part of the Service of Remembrance, it is

planned to dedicate two garden bench seats commemorating members of the RMP and the Provost Officers who lost their lives in the service of their country whilst on Active Service in the Canal Zone (1953-1956) and during the Cyprus Emergency (1954-1959).

e. Luncheon. Luncheon, hosted by Derby Branch RMPA, is traditionally held at the Derby County Cricket Club following the Service and Parade. Full details and costs can be obtained from the Secretary Derby Branch RMPA from:

Mr M Hutton – Tel No: 01283 534315, email - m.r.hutton@btinternet.com

Applications for luncheon tickets should be made before Friday, 17th May 2013, and is an individual responsibility.

The PM(A) will be represented at the luncheon by the Honorary Colonel, Colonel H J Jones QPM, and the Regt Sec.

f. Dress

(1) Serving Personnel. SD/No 2 Dress with leather and medals, as directed by the ProSM.

(2) RMPA Personnel. Dark-suit or blazer and grey trousers, wearing medals and scarlet beret.

(3) Ladies. As appropriate, but as the NMA is often very wet, due consideration to footwear should be given.

General Administrative Support

4. The Regt Sec is requested to provide the following support:

a. liaison with the NMA in respect of bookings, payment of fees, organist and provision of a Public Address system and other general support deemed necessary;

b. provision of Orders of Service for both the Church and Service of Remembrance and a bugler; and

c. liaison with the Secretary Derby Branch RMPA in respect of luncheon attendance by the Hon Col.

Summary

5. The NMA is a wonderful memorial of national remembrance and all are encouraged to take the opportunity to visit. Please support the RMP/RMPA by attending at the annual Church Service and Parade.

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