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CHATHAM VETERANS WEEKEND

The 2010 Chatham Veterans and Corps Memorial Weekend will take place over the weekend 17 – 19 September. There is a full programme over the weekend starting with a presentation and reception on Friday evening in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess, and ending with the Corps Memorial Service and Freedom of Medway parade on the Sunday.

A calling notice for the event is enclosed and Branch Secretaries are requested to bring this information to the attention of all their members. **NOTE. Attendance returns must be received at 1 RSME Regt by 30 June 2010.**



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CORPS MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2010 CALLING NOTICE

- 1. Introduction.** Corps Memorial Weekend will take place on 17-19 September 2010 in Chatham. As in previous years, there will be events across the weekend to promote 'Esprit de Corps' between veteran and serving members. This year is the first Corps Memorial Weekend to include the Colonel Commandants' 'at home' Beating Retreat on Saturday afternoon, which all REA members are invited to attend. It must be emphasised however, that the primary purpose of Corps Memorial Weekend is the remembrance of those Sappers who have fallen, particularly in the last twelve months.
- 2. Planned Events.** Events planned specifically for REA membership are, the Dove Cup darts competition, the National Standard Bearers competition, both on Saturday morning; as well as a welcome function on Friday night and an official function on Saturday night in the Warrant Officer and Sergeants' Mess. Branch Chairmen are requested to brief their branches, prior to attendance at the weekend, on the standards and etiquette expected in the Warrant Officer and Sergeants' Mess environment. As well as official Corps Memorial Weekend events, the Historic Dockyard, Chatham is holding a 'Salute to the 40's Weekend' on 18 and 19 September 2010¹. The event manager has agreed a special concessionary entry rate of £6 each for REA members and their partners (REA membership card required). In addition, the RE Museum Director has agreed that REA members can visit the museum, free of charge, throughout Saturday 18 September 2010, on production of their REA membership card. An outline of official Corps Memorial Weekend events is at Enclosure 1.
- 3. Notice of Attendance.** Branch Secretaries are requested to return completed notice of attendance proformas (Enclosure 2) and Branch attendance nominal rolls (Enclosure 3) to Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regiment with accurate figures for attendance by 30 June 2010.
- 4. Accommodation.** Due to extensive demolition and reconstruction within Brompton Barracks, an increase in operationally focussed courses, and the Colonel Commandants being in residence, there will be no accommodation availability in the Officers' or Warrant Officer and Sergeants' Messes this year. Accommodation for **unaccompanied veterans** will be available at nil cost within Kitchener Barracks on Friday and Saturday evening. Unfortunately, accompanied personnel cannot be accommodated. Accommodation will need to be vacated by 1500 on Sunday 19 September 2010 in order to allow course personnel to reoccupy. Accommodation is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The enclosed accommodation request proforma (Enclosure 4) should be completed and returned by 30 June 2010. Any bids received after this date will be considered but not guaranteed! **To ensure disabled personnel are allocated ground floor accommodation, please ensure they are identified on the return; this includes individuals who may have difficulty negotiating stairs.**
- 5. Local Hotels.** A list of hotels in the Brompton Barracks locale is enclosed (Enclosure 5). The list is not exhaustive and does not constitute official endorsement. Prices shown are for guidance only and are correct as at 1 March 2010.
- 6. Meals.** Breakfast is to be taken in the Kitchener Barracks Mess and all other meals are to be taken in the Central Mess Brompton Barracks. Meals are to be paid for on the day, at the Pay As You Dine (PAYD) tills. Branch Secretaries are requested to complete the enclosed meals required proforma, (Enclosure 6), and return it to Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regt by 30 June 2010, annotating the total number from your branch who intend to take each meal (in order to allow sufficient food to be ordered).

¹ Details can be found online at <http://www.chdt.org.uk/Events?eventyear=2010&eventmonth=9>

7. **Reception.** Each member must book in on arrival at the Student Reception Centre, Brompton Barracks. The reception will be open from 1400-2300 on Friday 17 September 2010 and 0800-1800 on Saturday 18 September 2010. A detailed programme of events will be issued on arrival.
8. **Security.** The security of Chatham Station is of paramount importance throughout the weekend. In order to maintain the integrity of Station security, all cars will be searched on arrival and all visitors are to carry their REA membership card at all times.
9. **Returns.** Branch Secretaries are requested to ensure that all returns are sent to Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regiment, by 30 June 2010.
10. **Transport.** A minibus shuttle service will be in operation between Brompton Barracks and Kitchener Barracks accommodation throughout the weekend. All REA members are requested to pay a £5 contribution towards the cost of minibus drivers for the weekend, due to contractor overtime increases. This is to be collated by Branch Secretaries and sent to Cpl Wallace as one cheque, made payable to 'Central Bank 1 RSME Regiment' when the Branch notice of attendance and Branch nominal roll of attendance are submitted.
11. **Correspondence.** All correspondence regarding Corps Memorial Weekend should be labelled in the top left corner of the envelope '**CMW 2010**' (Email to contain this phrase in the subject line). Any questions regarding the weekend, or any special requirements, should be directed to WO1 (RSM) M Yates RE on 01634 822337 or Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regt on 01634 822337.

M Yates

M Yates
WO1 (RSM)
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Enclosures:

1. Outline of Events.
2. Notice of Attendance Proforma.
3. Branch Personnel Attendance Nominal Roll.
4. Accommodation Request Proforma.
5. List of Local Hotels.
6. Meal Booking Proforma.

Distribution:

All REA Branch Secretaries (sent via HQ REA)
WO and Sgts' Mess – PMC
1 RSME Regt – Cpl Wallace

Copy to: (Less Enclosures)

HQ RSME – SO3 G2/G3
1 RSME Regt – CO, OpsO, OC 24 Trg Sqn, OC 36 Trg Sqn, MPGS WO, Prov Sgt
CW – CI, SMI
PEW – CI, SMI(C)
MGS – CSO3
Medical Centre – Practice Manager
MOD Police - UBO
BDS Medway – Site Operations Manager
ESS Medway – Site Manager
RE HQ WO and Sgts' Mess - Mess Manager
RE Museum – Director

2010 CORPS MEMORIAL WEEKEND DRAFT BLOCK PROGRAMME

Date	AM	PM	EVENING
Fri 17 Sep 10	REA Veteran Arrival & Administration		<p align="center">Corps Memorial Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1900-1930: Current RE Ops and realities of war presentation– WO & Sgts' Mess. • 1930-0200: Veteran welcome function – WO & Sgts' Mess.
Sat 18 Sep10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0930-1130: REA darts competition (WO & Sgts' Mess). • 0930-1130: National Standard Bearer competition – Square. 	<p>1530-1630: Beating Retreat - Regt Square</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1900-0200: Corps Memorial Official Function - WO & Sgts' Mess.
Sun 19 Sep 10	<p align="center">Corps Memorial Parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0930-1100: Corps Memorial Parade - Regt Square. • 1130-1330: Corps Memorial Service & Freedom of Medway Parade. 	<p align="center">REA CMW dispersal (Rooms vacated by 1500)</p>	

LIST OF LOCAL HOTELS FOR CORPS MEMORIAL WEEKEND 2010

St George Hotel:

7 New Road Avenue
CHATHAM
Kent

- Tel (01634) 841012
- 1.5 miles from Barracks
- **Prices** per night:

Single: £44
Double: £65
Twin: £65

Price includes VAT, shower or bath en suite and Full English breakfast.

Kings Charles Hotel:

Brompton Road
GILLINGHAM
Kent

- Tel (01634) 830303
- 300metres from Barracks
- **Prices** per night:

Single: £47.00
Double: £58.00
Twin: £58.00
Triple: £75.00
Quad: £88.00

Price includes VAT, TV and Full English breakfast.

Mayfield Guest House

34 Kingswood Road
GILLINGHAM
Kent

- Tel (01634) 852606
- 5 minutes from Barracks
- **Prices** per night:

Single: £28.00
Double/ Twin: £40.00
Family Room: £45.00

Prices include VAT, TV, Tea & Coffee (full English also available).

BRANCH PERSONNEL ATTENDANCE NOMINAL ROLL

1. Please fill in the table below with details of all Branch members attending, written in BLOCK CAPITALS.
2. Transport contributions (£5 per REA member) are to be collated by Branch Secretaries and sent to Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regt on a single cheque made payable to '**Central Bank 1 RSME Regt**'.
3. Please supply full details of collective transport (minibus etc.) and any private vehicles your Branch members intend to bring.

From: _____ Branch Cheque Number: _____

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MEAL BOOKING PROFORMA

Branch: _____

1. Please fill in the table below in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to Cpl Wallace, RSM Clerk, 1 RSME Regt by 30 June 2010.

Meal Timings:

Dinner (Fri) 1700-1830
 Breakfast (Sat/Sun): 0700-0800
 Brunch (Sat): 1000-1300
 Dinner (Sat): 1700-1830
 Lunch(Sun): 1300-1430

Meal Prices:

Breakfast: £2.15
Lunch: £2.50
Dinner: £3.90

Note: Prices correct at time of writing, this may increase slightly (but not significantly) due to inflationary rises before the weekend.

Meal		Total Number Taking Meal	Remarks
Dinner	Fri 17 Sep 10		To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Breakfast	Sat 18 Sep 10		To be taken in Kitchener Barracks
Brunch			To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Dinner			To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Breakfast	Sun 19 Sep 10		To be taken in Kitchener Barracks
Lunch			To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks

