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MINLEY ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (REA) WEEKEND: 26-28 JUNE 2009
CALLING NOTICE

1. The next Minley REA Weekend will be held in Gibraltar Barracks during the weekend 26-28 June 2009.
2. The weekend will begin on the evening of Friday 26 June 2009, with a meal and entertainment in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. On Saturday, there will be rehearsals for the Drumhead Service. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch and a variety of displays and visits in the afternoon. That evening, there will be a function in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. On the Sunday, the Drumhead Service will take place, followed by a Carvery lunch.
3. We are pleased to have been able to secure substantial funding to cover the costs of food for the 2009 weekend. As such, the only charge to REA members will be a flat rate, non-negotiable cost of £30 per person which is required to cover the cost of the evening functions with all food inclusive, less drinks.
4. It would be greatly appreciated if you would complete the attached enclosure, returning it to the undersigned by Friday 24 April 2009. This will ensure that the correct amount of accommodation and food is booked. A more detailed programme will be sent out in due course, once the events have been finalised.
5. Should you have any questions or problems regarding the Minley REA Weekend, please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number listed above.

G Harris

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Capt
for CO

Enclosures:

1. REA Minley Weekend - Information Sheet.
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REA MINLEY WEEKEND 26-28 JUNE 2009 - FACILITIES AND COSTS INFORMATION SHEET

1. Costs. There will be a blanket cost of £30 to cover all of the costs of the weekend. This will allow all REA members to take part in all activities. There are no hidden costs apart from the price of beer.
2. Gibraltar Barracks. The Royal School of Military Engineering has recently entered into a partnership with Holdfast Training Services Ltd to provide logistical and training support to the Royal Engineers. As a result you may notice a change from recent years in the provision of accommodation and feeding. The barracks remains as a military training facility and we ask visitors to maintain good behaviour throughout the weekend or they may be asked to leave.
3. Accommodation. Gibraltar Barracks is a training establishment and therefore, other than the Officers' and WOs' and Sgts' Mess, there is no accommodation for married personnel. For the REA weekend, the majority of members will be placed in the training accommodation blocks, situated next to the WOs' and Sgts' Mess (where all functions are held). This is no more than 100 metres away with a small flight of steps. For those who cannot climb these steps, there is a flat route around to the Mess which is approximately 200 meters. There is a small set of steps at the front of the building, but a ramp is used on the right hand side on the grass to allow disabled access.
4. The accommodation is basic, with single beds and a table and chairs in the middle of the room. Each bed-space has a locker and members need to ensure they bring a small padlock to enable them to secure their valuables. There are also a number of plug sockets in the rooms for hairdryers, phone chargers and alarm clocks. Females will be accommodated separately to males.
5. Food. Due to the new Pay-As-You-Dine Armed Forces feeding system, there are substantial Changes in the method of paying for food for visitors to Gibraltar Barracks. In normal circumstances, visitors purchase each meal as they eat it which can be a substantial amount over the course of a weekend. By arranging a deal with the contractors to provide the food for the evening functions we have been able to substantially reduce the amount paid for food over the weekend. We aim to provide all meals as part of the £30 attendance charge.
6. Meals are provided in 2 locations: Macdonald's Mess and the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. Macdonald's Mess is where the breakfast and evening meals are provided and is approximately 100 meters from the accommodation blocks. The meals in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess are the Supper on Friday and Saturday evenings, the BBQ lunch on Saturday and the Carvery lunch on Sunday. These supper meals are buffet-type meals and are not as substantial as the evening meal in Macdonald's Mess.
7. Raffle Money. All money made on the raffle is used to pay for the prizes and any surplus money goes back into paying for the weekend as a whole. Surplus money left over from the whole weekend will be given back to the REA Controller for redistribution.

REA MINLEY WEEKEND - NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE

To: Capt G J Harris RE
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From: Branch, REA

1. Our Branch will/will not be attending the REA Veterans' Weekend, to be held at Gibraltar Barracks from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 June 2009.

2. Our Branch's total numbers attending are _____ veterans and _____ wives/partners. The numbers requiring accommodation are _____ males and _____ females.

3. The numbers of Veterans on parade on Sunday 28 June 2009 will be _____

4. The Branch Standard will be carried on parade on Sunday 28 June 2009: YES/NO

5. Parking space will be required for a coach/minibus over the weekend: YES/NO

6. Total numbers of car-parking spaces required for the weekend will be: _____

7. Total numbers of caravan parking spaces required for the weekend will be: _____

8. Disabled members requiring ground floor accommodation (please only ask if absolutely necessary as space is limited): _____

9. Miscellaneous info, ie disabilities, special space/equipment needs, etc _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name:

Contact Number: