

39 Engr Regt Campervan provided through generous REA grant

39 Engineer Regiment is in the fortunate position of being located in one of the most stunning parts of the UK; the Scottish Highlands. With its abundant and diverse wildlife, adventure sports and training opportunities and a plethora of sites of historic interest, it is crying out to be explored. There is no better way to do this than from the comfort of a new campervan, and thanks to generous funding from the Royal Engineers Association (REA) 39 Engineer Regiment are now the proud owners of exactly that! This offers our soldiers and the wider RE community the chance to explore Scotland and further afield in comfort and style.

39 Engineer Regiment contacted the REA in 2016 with a request to help fund the purchase of a campervan for welfare use. The REA is a fantastic organisation, and every Serving officer and soldier subscribing to the Day's Pay Scheme are automatically Life Time Members. Through their hard work and organisation they are able to support the sapper community in many ways.

After 39 Engineer Regiment's application for funds, we were kindly awarded a substantial grant from the REA, and combined with additional funds from the Regiment we were able to purchase a new campervan. After much research, we settled on a new 2016 Hyundai i800 Campervan with a Wellhouse conversion which was delivered in February 2017. This was excellent timing with spring just around the corner!

The campervan is ready for use by any REA members, 39 Engineer Regiment personnel, and the wider Corps to enjoy with friends and family for just £35 per day. In order to book the campervan, users will initially need to activate their REA membership, which is a simple process (the Regiment will provide the necessary paperwork). Once done, serving personnel will be able to book the van through the Regimental MOSS page. Simply click on the campervan link, check availability for the date required, fill out the booking form, pay your £35 a day hire charge and you're almost ready to go. For non-serving REA members, Regimental MT organise the hire and will run you through everything required to make your trip a success (tel 01309 616165).

The campervan has already generated a lot of interest around the Regiment and is being booked up for over the coming year. What makes this even more special is this campervan is not just for the warmer months. The campervan will still be a valuable asset for the winter months too, as it's heated and has a hot water system with winter pack so you will never freeze! It even has a rear hot shower point to hose down muddy boots before going into the campervan, and a bike rack- what more could we ask for?

As you can see from the photos, the campervan has already been on a few adventures around the Scottish Highlands, including to the Outer Hebrides and the Cairngorms, and all reports back suggest it will be a great asset for anyone wishing to use it. One of our officers will be using it over summer leave for his grandson's first adventure in Scotland, creating fantastic family memories. We would encourage all REA members to make good use of this excellent facility, as this is an amazing way to see Scotland. Unfortunately no dogs are allowed.

For those unfamiliar with what the REA does, the breadth of its work is apparent from its overall objectives, which are to promote and support the Corps among members of the Association by: fostering esprit de corps and a spirit of comradeship and service; maintaining an awareness of Corps traditions; and acting as a link between serving and retired members

of the Corps. REA provides substantial, practical support services, such as providing financial grants and other assistance to serving and former members of the Corps, their wives, widows and dependants who are in need of a helping hand. The REA also make grants, within Association guidelines, to the Army Benevolent Fund and to other charities which further the objectives of the Association. If you are not already subscribing to the REA Day's Pay Scheme, why not show your support to the Corps and do so now, as you never know what help you may need in the future and by contributing you are helping your fellow comrades old and new.

The campervan has been a tangible addition to the quality of life for the Regiment's personnel, increasing the many opportunities that Kinloss can offer, and we are so grateful to the REA for making this happen. We are look forward to hearing the tales of adventure from our personnel and families across the Regiment.





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