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CORPS FREEDOM OF MEDWAY AND MEMORIAL PARADE 16-18 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. **Introduction.** Previously known as The Corps Memorial and Veterans Weekend, The Corps Freedom of Medway and Memorial Parade (CFMMP) will take place over 16-18 Sep 22 in Chatham. There will be events across the weekend to promote *esprit de Corps* between veterans and serving members. I would like to emphasise that the primary purpose of the weekend is the Memorial Parade and the subsequent service in Rochester Cathedral, held on Sun 18 Sep 22, in remembrance of those Sappers who have died on operations or otherwise.

2. **Planned Events.** The weekend will start with a meet and greet on the Friday night in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. This event will be led by the REA Medway branch and will include a buffet and the Dove Cup Darts Competition. Saturday will encompass a Corps SM update, The National Standard Bearer Competition, an opportunity to visit the trade bays and take part in the Families' Event held within the station. In addition, to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the Regt will hold a street party to commemorate our Colonel-in-Chief. Transport will be available for easy access to the local area throughout the afternoon. Saturday will finish with a formal dinner in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. A detailed programme of timings and events will be contained within the welcome pack issued on arrival. Key events, dates and timings are as follows:

Ser	Date	Time	Activity	Location
1	16 Sep 22	1200hrs	Arrivals	Student Reception
2		1800hrs	Reception & Dove Cup	WOs' & Sgts' Mess
3	17 Sep 22	0930hrs	CSM Update	Auditorium
4			QPJ Party	Station
5		1030hrs	Standard Bearer Comp	Regt'l Square
6		1400hrs	Trade Bay/Families' Day Event	Station
7		1930hrs	Formal Dinner	WOs' & Sgts' Mess
8	18 Sep 22	0900hrs	Memorial Parade	Obelisk
9	18 Sep 22	TBC	Cathedral	Rochester

3. **Memorial Parade.** The main parade at Brompton Barracks on Sun 18 Sep 22 will again be centred at the Obelisk. The accompanying service at Rochester Cathedral will also commemorate those Sappers that have fallen in Afghanistan, with the unveiling of a plaque.

4. **Notice of Attendance.** Branch Secretaries are requested to return completed notice of attendance proforma (Enclosure 1) and Branch attendance nominal rolls (Enclosure 2) with accurate figures for attendance by **22 July 22** to the following address:

Sgt T McMulkin
Durrant Troop, 36 Training Squadron
1 RSME Regiment
Brompton Barracks
Chatham, Kent
ME4 4UG

5. **Reception.** On arrival each member must book in at the Student Reception Centre in Brompton Barracks. The reception will be open from 1400-2300 on Fri 16 Sep 22 and 0800-1800 on Sat 17 Sep 22. All personnel will be escorted to their accommodation and issued a detailed programme of events. The Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess will be open for refreshments from 1500hrs on Fri 16 Sep 22.
6. **Accommodation.** Accommodation for unaccompanied veterans will be available at zero cost within Collingwood Triangle on Friday and Saturday evening. Unfortunately, accompanied personnel cannot be accommodated. Accommodation is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The enclosed accommodation request proforma (Enclosure 3) should be completed and returned by **22 July 22**. 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. It should be noted that there will be no accommodation available in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' mess.
7. **Local Hotels.** A list of hotels in the Medway area is enclosed (Enclosure 4). The list is not exhaustive and does not constitute official endorsement. Prices can be obtained by contacting the proprietor directly.
8. **Meals.** Breakfast and Lunch meals can be purchased in the Central Mess Brompton Barracks. Evening meals will be served in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess on the Friday and Saturday evenings. Branch Secretaries are requested to complete the enclosed meals required proforma (Enclosure 5) and return it to Sgt McMulkin on the address in Para 3 by **22 July 22**, annotating the total number from your branch who intend to take each meal, in order to allow sufficient food to be ordered. If individuals wish to eat prior to the events on the Friday or Saturday evening, they are welcome to eat beforehand in the Central Mess.
9. **Dress.** All attending personnel and their guests are to ensure they have the appropriate attire for both formal and informal events held with the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and the Memorial Service.
10. **Security.** The security and integrity of Chatham station is of the utmost importance, and cars entering camp are liable to be searched. Occupants are requested to be patient and fully cooperative with the security measures in place over the weekend. REA members are to carry their REA membership cards at all times whilst within the confines of camp.
11. **Vehicle Parking.** There is only limited vehicle parking within Brompton Barracks, REA members are strongly encouraged to share cars where possible.
12. **Returns.** Branch Secretaries are requested to ensure that all returns are sent to Sgt McMulkin by **22 July 22**.
13. **Payment.** CFMMP 22 personnel that are attending are asked to contribute £25pp towards the weekend. The contribution is put towards the whole weekend and not, for example, just the Friday night meet and greet. This will bring CFMMP in line with the other REA weekends in Minley, Chilwell and Gibraltar who also ask for contributions. Branch chairmen are requested to collect funds per branch and transfer to 1 RSME Regiment as a one-off payment by the return cut-off date **22 July 22**. Transfers are to be referenced with your branch location; for example, '**CFMMP22-REA Medway**' for the Medway branch '**CFMMP22-REA Plymouth**' for the Plymouth branch, and to be made payable to:

Central Bank 1 RSME
Sort Code - 16-19-26
Account Number - 10324912
Reference – CFMMP22 REA “Branch Name”

14. **Cancellations.** Cancellations are to be forwarded to Sgt McMulkin as soon as they occur. This will ensure REA funds are not wasted through non-attendance.

15. **Media.** Veterans wishing to draft an article for Sapper Magazine are encouraged to do so. Please send all articles including separate pictures to: HQ REA, Ravelin Building, Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4UG.

16. **Correspondence.** All correspondence regarding Corps Memorial Parade should be labelled in the top left corner of the envelope 'CFMMP22' (Email to contain this phrase in the subject line). Any questions regarding the weekend, or any special requirements, should be directed to WO1 (RSM) Spencer Eardley or Sgt McMulkin, Durrant Troop, 1 RSME Regt.

17. **COVID.** Is still prevalent and we must ensure that anyone entering Station are safe at all times. All those that are attending the weekend's events are asked to undertake a lateral flow test and ensure that they are negative prior to travelling to Brompton Barracks.

{Electronic signed on MODNet}

S Eardley
WO1 (RSM)
For Station Commander

Enclosures:

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

Distribution:

All REA Members via Branch Secretaries (sent via HQ REA)

Copy to:

CO 1 RSME Regt
COS RE RHQ
Adjt 1 RSME Regt
Ops Offr 1 RSME Regt
Provost Sgt 1 RSME Regt

CORPS FREEDOM OF MEDWAY AND MEMORIAL PARADE 2022 NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE PROFORMA

To: Sgt McMulkin
Durrant Troop
1 RSME Regt
Brompton Barracks
CHATHAM
Kent
ME4 4UG

From: _____
Branch _____

Address _____

Email: tom.mcmulkin630@mod.gov.uk Email: _____

Tel: 01634 823097 Tel: _____

1. Please fill in the table below (in block capitals). Once complete, return it to the above address by **22 July 22**.

Ser	Information Requirement	Response Y / N	Number(s)	Remarks
1	Will your Branch be attending the Corps Memorial and Veterans Weekend - Chatham 2022?			Including wives/partners attending.
2	Will your Branch Standard participate in the Memorial Parade, Memorial Service and Freedom Parade on Sun 18 Sep 22?		N/A	
3	Is your Branch entering the darts competition on Fri 16 Sep 22?		N/A	Y or N response only.
4	Is your Branch entering the Standard Bearer Competition on Sat 17 Sep 22?		N/A	Y or N response only
5	Will your Branch attend the official function in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess on the evening of Sat 17 Sep 22? (Numbers required for catering purposes)			Include wives/partners in the numbers attending
6	Will your Branch take part in the Memorial Parade on Sun 18 Sep 22?			Number of marching contingent only.
7	Will your Branch take part in the Memorial Service in Rochester Cathedral on Sun 18 Sep 22?			Number to show those requiring seats in the Cathedral only.
8	Will your Branch take part in the Freedom of Medway parade on Sun 18 Sep 22 in Rochester High Street?			Number of marching contingent only.
9	Will your Branch require parking provision? (Name of driver, VRN, make, model & No. of passengers - to be forwarded to Sgt McMulkin, Durrant Troop, 1 RSME Regt by 22 July 22 (Enclosure 3).			Indicate total number of vehicles requiring parking provision.

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Branch Appointment: _____

CORPS FREEDOM OF MEDWAY AND MEMORIAL PARADE 2022 - BRANCH PERSONNEL ATTENDANCE NOMINAL ROLL

1. Please fill in the table below with details of all Branch members attending, written in BLOCK CAPITALS.
2. Please supply full details of collective transport (minibus etc.) and any private vehicles your Branch members intend to bring and confirm payment.

From: _____ Branch

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CORPS FREEDOM OF MEDWAY AND MEMORIAL PARADE 2022 - LIST OF LOCAL HOTELS

The following is a list of hotels in the Medway area. Prices and bookings can be obtained by contacting the proprietor directly.

1. **King Charles Hotel.**

Brompton Road
GILLINGHAM
Kent
ME7 5QT

Tel: (01634) 830303
300 metres from Brompton Barracks

2. **Travelodge Chatham Maritime**

Chatham Historic Dockyard
Western Avenue
CHATHAM
Kent
ME4 4NT

Tel: 0871 559 1878
0.4 miles from Brompton Barracks

3. **Premier Inn**

Blake Avenue
Gillingham
Kent
ME7 1GB

Tel: 0333 321 9353
0.7 miles from Brompton Barracks

4. **St George Hotel.**

7 New Road Avenue
CHATHAM
Kent
ME4 6BB

Tel: (01634) 841012
1.5 miles from Brompton Barracks

CORPS FREEDOM OF MEDWAY AND MEMORIAL PARADE 2022 - MEAL BOOKING PROFORMA

Branch: _____

1. Please fill in the table below in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to Sgt McMulkin, Durrant Troop, 1 RSME Regt by **22 July 22**.

Meal		Total Number Taking Meal	Remarks
Lunch	Fri 16 Sep 22		To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Buffet			WOs' & Sgts' Mess Brompton Barracks
Breakfast	Sat 17 Sep 22		To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Lunch			To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Formal Dinner			WOs' & Sgts' Mess Brompton Barracks
Breakfast	Sun 18 Sep 22		To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks
Lunch			To be taken in Central Mess Brompton Barracks

Note - Friday lunch is between 1215hrs and 1330hrs. The weekends meal timings will be contained in the Programme of Events issued on arrival.