ROYAL SIGNALS CORPS WEEKEND
BLANDFORD CAMP 16-18 JUN 17

1. Introduction. By kind permission of the Commander, Blandford Garrison, Corps Weekend will take place at BLANDFORD CAMP on 16-18 Jun 17.

2. Programme of Events. An outline Programme of Events is at Annex A. A full programme will be available to members on arrival.

3. Camp Access. Entry into Blandford Camp will be by way of the Main Gate at the top of Black Lane.

4. Security. Car and caravan passes will be issued on arrival and must be prominently displayed in the vehicle whilst on Camp. They should be returned to the box on the right hand side of the road on the exit. Lapel badges will be available and should be worn by all members and guests. Those attending must be aware that an increased security state may affect the weekend. It is, therefore, important that a contact telephone and/or e-mail is provided on the application to attend. No confirmation of receipt of application forms will be given.

5. Arrival. On entry, all those attending should show their RSA life membership card (or photo ID comprising of current driving licence or passport). Lapel badges and information packs will be available to be collected from the reception point on entry – opening hours in the MPGS Pass Office on Fri 16 Jun from 1400 hrs until 2000 hrs, and on Sat 19 Jun from 0830 hrs to 1230 hrs. An information point will also be in the RSBF tent on the Elizabeth Field arena on Saturday. Refreshments will be available at the Rendezvous Café in the Glass House on Friday afternoon and evening, on Saturday and Sunday.

6. Accommodation. It is anticipated that there will be accommodation on Camp for RSA members. If you would like to apply for a bed space or pre-book a pitch on the campsite, please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 31 May 17. Confirmation of your bed/pitch will be made as soon as we are able and so it is essential an email address/telephone number is listed on the form. Although we anticipate adequate bed spaces being available, they are limited in number and will be allocated in the order of receipt of requests. Completing and returning the application form does not guarantee a space. The pre-booked pitches at the camp site have limited car parking for blue badge holders only close to the site, other car parking is within walking distance. Note, there will be no power or hook-ups provided. Caravans/tents will not be admitted to camp before 1200 hrs Fri 16 Jun, and the site MUST be vacated promptly by not later than 1400 hrs on Sun 18 Jun. Other accommodation options can be explored through the Visit Dorset website http://www.visit-dorset.com/ the local Tourist Information telephone number can also be found on this site.
MEALS

7. **General.** Meals are available at a range of outlets while on camp, including a refreshment marquee on the Elizabeth Field arena, the Rendezvous Café, or Colours Restaurant.

8. **Party in the Park.** An informal music evening with refreshments has been added to the programme. The Party in the Park will be held in the marquee on Elizabeth Field arena from 1800 hrs to midnight. Dress for this will be Casual.

9. **Informal Supper.** By kind permission of the President of the Mess Committee of the WOs’ and Sgts’ Mess, members of the Association and their guests are invited to an informal buffet supper on Saturday evening. When visiting the Mess, Association members are reminded of the dress code, a pre-requisite of entry, which is applicable to everyone while in the Mess. The dress code for Friday evening will be Casual and for Saturday will be Informal. For the avoidance of doubt, the dress codes, which are non-negotiable, are as follows:

   **Casual**

   (a) Any clean smart polo shirt / shirt with collar and trousers, which are in good repair, (including denim). Ladies are permitted to wear smart dress tops. No outdoor jackets, coats or fleeces.

   (b) Clean smart shoes.

   The following items of clothing are **not allowed in Mess Public Rooms at any time**:

   (1) Main Bar Area / Function Room. Training shoes, T-shirts, sportswear of any description, unclean uniform or coats.

   (2) Dining Room. T-shirts, training shoes, sportswear of any description, unclean uniform, coats.

   **Informal**

   (a) Gentlemen – Jacket and tailored trousers or suit, collar and tie.

   (b) Ladies – Appropriate high standard, such as suit / trouser suit or cocktail dress (below knee and above the ankle).

To allow for adequate food to be ordered/prepared, please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by the **31 May 17**.

10. **Corps Luncheon.** The attention of all officers is drawn to the annual Corps Luncheon which this year is being held in the Headquarters Officers’ Mess on **Sat 17 Jun 17**. Proformas for this event are available separately.

11. **Transport.** There will be a minibus from Salisbury railway station to camp at 1620 hrs on Fri 16 Jun 17; the journey back to Salisbury on the Sunday will start from the Museum car park at 1330 hrs. Those wishing to use this facility are asked to inform the Admin Officer in advance. On Saturday, a shuttle service will be provided with facilities for disabled passengers around the site. The bus stops will be clearly signed along the route between the camp site and Hawke Square, but as the service is run as a “request stop” it cannot be timetabled in advance.

12. **Parking.** Parking for all visitors is on the **main car park (Anson Square)**. Disabled parking is available for Blue Badge Holders in designated areas only.
13. **Corps Museum.** The Corps Museum will be open as follows over the weekend with free entry to Association members. When entering with family members, a donation in the RSBF bucket at your discretion would be appreciated. Outside these times normal charges will apply.

Sat: 0900-1700 hrs Sun: 0900-1200 hrs

The Museum shop will also be open for the sale of blazer badges, cap badges, ties, brooches, plaques and a wide variety of other items.

**PRINCESS ROYAL DAY PARADE**

14. The veterans’ march past will be incorporated into the Princess Royal Day Parade at approximately 1130 hrs on the Main Square. RSA members and Branch Standard Bearers who would like to march will be invited to form up on behind the Marquee to be given instructions for the parade.

14 **Branch Standards.** All standard bearers who have indicated that they will be taking part in the competition will be able to collect a briefing pack outlining their part in the weekend’s events. Forms for attendance and to take part in the Standard Bearers’ Competition should be requested from branch secretaries and returned by the cut-off date 31 May 17.

16. **Weather.** All those attending are advised to bring suitable protection from the weather, be it either inclement, or as we have seen on occasions, extremely hot.

17. All enquiries regarding the RSA Reunion should be directed to 01258-482090/482258 or e-mail: events@royalsignals.org

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Annexes:

A. Outline Programme of Events.
B. Application to Attend the 2017 Corps Weekend
C. Branch Standard Bearer Return (not to individuals).

Distribution:

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