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### ROYAL SIGNALS CORPS DAY BLANDFORD CAMP 14-16 JUN 19

- 1. Introduction.** By kind permission of the Blandford Garrison Commander, Corps Day will take place at Blandford Camp on 14-16 Jun 19. As part of the run-up to the Corps Centenary Review in 2020, the event this year will not contain quite so many elements as has been the case. We anticipate that we will still provide an enjoyable and entertaining event with plenty of opportunities to catch-up with old friends.
- 2. Programme of Events.** An outline Programme of Events is at Annex A. The final 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 upon exit. Lapel badges will be available and should be worn while on camp by all members and guests. Those attending must be aware that an increased security state may affect the event. It is, therefore, important that a contact telephone and/or e-mail is provided on the application to attend.
- 5. Arrival.** On entry, all those attending should show their RSA life membership card (or photo ID - current driving licence or passport). Lapel badges and information packs will be available to be collected from Reception on Fri 14 Jun from 1400 hrs until 2000 hrs, and on Sat 15 Jun from 0830 hrs to 1130 hrs.
- 6. Accommodation.** 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 19**. 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; other car parking is within walking distance. No power or electric hook-up is provided. Caravans/tents will not be admitted to camp before 1000 hrs Fri 14 Jun, and the site MUST be vacated promptly by no later than 1400 hrs on Sun 16 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 from a number of places on camp, including, the Rendezvous Café in the Glass House (Friday afternoon/Saturday and Sunday), the Comms Café in the Museum during museum opening hours, the Soldiers' Restaurant and food outlets on the Elizabeth Field arena.
- 8. 3R's Meet & Greet, with Curry Supper – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.** 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 the Mess on Friday evening for a reception and curry supper. 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, and is as follows:

- 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).

In order that adequate food is ordered/prepared, please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 31 May 19. £5 per person will be collected from attendees on arrival.

9. **Function in WO's and Sgt's Mess with Supper – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.** RSA members and guests who are attending Corps Day are invited to the Mess on Saturday evening for a function which will include supper. Dress for this event is likely to be "Planters" but this will be confirmed as soon as possible. As above, please complete the appropriate part of the application form and return by 31 May 19. £5 per person will be collected from attendees on arrival.

9. **Corps Luncheon.** There will be no Corps Luncheon during 2019 and 2020.

10. **Transport.** On Saturday, a shuttle service around the site will be provided which gives access for disabled passengers. 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.

11. **Parking.** Parking for all visitors is on the main car park (Anson Square). Disabled parking is available for Blue Badge Holders, who bring their badge, in designated areas only.

12. **Corps Museum.** The Corps Museum will be open as follows: between Sat: 0900-1700 hrs and Sun: 0900-1200 hrs there will be free entry to Association members, on production of membership card. When entering with family members, a donation in the RSBF bucket at your discretion would be appreciated. Outside these times normal charges will apply. 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. The Museum Café will be open, timings as advertised.

#### **PRINCESS ROYAL DAY PARADE**

13. 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. **Weather.** All those attending are advised to bring suitable protection from the weather, be it either inclement or extremely hot.

15. All enquiries regarding the event should be made to 01258-482090/482258 or e-mail: [rsa@royalsignals.org](mailto:rsa@royalsignals.org)

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Annexes:

- A. Outline Programme of Events.
- B. Application to Attend the 2019 Corps Day

Distribution:

Area Representatives  
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Individual RSA members upon request (via website).

**ROYAL SIGNALS CORPS DAY 2019**  
**OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

- Fri 14 Jun 19                    1400 hrs - 1930 hrs Reception open in Garrison Duty Office
- 1930 hrs – 2359 hrs All Ranks Meet & Greet with Curry Supper – WOs and Sgts Mess
- Sat 15 Jun 19                    0830 hrs – 1100 hrs Reception open
- 0900 hrs – 1700 hrs Museum open (free for RSA members & guests)
- 1030 hrs Princess Royal Parade on Hawke Square followed by march past of veterans
- 0900 – 1900 hrs Corps Day activities/music/food Elizabeth Field
- 1900 hrs – 2359 Evening Function WOs & Sgts Mess
- Sun 16 Jun19                    0900 hrs – 1200 hrs Museum open (free for RSA members & guests) paid entry after this
- 1030 hrs – Service in Corps Chapel followed by refreshments in Glass House provided by Rendezvous Café