

FALKLANDS VETERANS RIDE OF RESPECT 2022

Veterans marathon motorcycle ride to visit graves of their fallen comrades around the UK

Monday 02 May to Sunday 15 May 2022

Following three successful rides in 2019, 2020 and 2021, a team of four veterans – Paul Moore (61 – Peterlee, Co. Durham) and Charlie McColgan (60 – Middlesbrough) (both Royal Engineers and Falkland 1982 veterans) along with veterans Phill Damant (58 – Devizes Wiltshire ex Royal Air Force) and Tony McKie (46 – Consett, County Durham ex Parachute Regiment), will be riding around the UK by motorbike, from Monday 02 May to Sunday 15 May 2022, visiting the gravesites and memorials of men who lost their lives in the Falklands War in 1982. They will ride a total of around 2,660 miles in 14 days and visit over 75 graves and memorials of the Falklands War.

The veterans are completing this ride to highlight that as we approach the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, those who were lost, in that short but brutal conflict, are not forgotten. The riders intend to pay respects to the fallen and meet their families, in order to raise awareness of where these heroes lie, whether it be in the UK, in the Falkland Islands or at sea in the South Atlantic Ocean. The ride has four aims:

Remembrance, Respect, Awareness and Support

The South Atlantic Medal Association (known as SAMA 82) continue to support veterans of the Falklands campaign and the families of the fallen through practical and emotional support, including assisting veterans to visit the Falkland Islands. These visits are a positive and constructive way for veterans to deal with mental health issues which may have been caused by their service during the Falklands War. Many veterans find that such visits help them individually, as they experience the warm welcome the Islanders give them and see how the Falkland Islands have flourished since they were liberated in 1982.

Over the last three years the Ride of Respect has raised around £26,000 for the South Atlantic Medal Association in order to continue the good work that they do.

Paul Moore commented:

“We are completing this Ride of Respect in order to demonstrate that our friends are not forgotten. We feel that it is particularly important that we honour the families who continue to live with the loss of their sons and loved ones as we approach the 40th anniversary of their loss. The ride is also in appreciation

of the staff of the South Atlantic Medal Association for the tireless work they do in supporting the veterans of that war”

Tom Herring, an ex 3 Para Falklands veteran and Chairman of SAMA 82 Trustees said:

“The Association are eternally grateful to the Airborne Riders for their previous and upcoming ride to remember the heavy price paid in human lives to liberate our own citizens from an unwarranted and unlawful occupation of their lands in 1982. As veterans we cannot imagine what this intrusion was like on the Islanders daily lives, and that they will never forget the high cost paid by our comrades lost doing their Sovereign duty.

The monies donated will go toward the objectives of the Association in support of our Veterans and their dependants, no matter how small the donation it will be gratefully received. As a Charity with no paid management only volunteers, our objectives include making reasonable adjustments for veterans in need, allowing normal home living or to assist in Trauma relief by arranging visits to the Falkland Islands for personal remembrance to where their comrades paid the ultimate price. This facility includes the next of kin of the deceased with somewhere to stay and support volunteers available to guide and help”.

In 2022, the Riders will carry the Wreath of Respect which will be displayed at each grave and memorial location in order to signify our collective act of Remembrance. The Wreath normally resides at the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment and will be formally handed over to the ride team in a small open ceremony at the museum at 1300 hrs on Wednesday 27 April.

It is hoped that in early 2023, Paul Moore and Charlie McColgan will travel to the Falkland Islands to visit, by motorbike, the remaining 15 graves and memorials of the fallen that are buried in the Islands.

The Ride team are available for pre-recorded media interview prior to the ride by telephone / Zoom or in person. During the ride, interviews may be made by arrangement due to a very tight schedule.

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Useful Links:

Airborne Forces Riders: <https://airborneforcesriders.com>

Falklands Ride of Respect (SAMA82 Page): <https://sama82.org.uk/ride-of-respect-2022/>

Falklands Ride of Respect Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Falklands-War-SAMA-Ride-of-Respect-2022>

Falklands Ride of Respect Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/falklandsrideofrespect2022>

Falklands Ride of Respect 2022 YouTube Promo:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHIUGN28_m4

The Wreath of Respect: <https://wreathofrespect.wixsite.com/wreathofrespect>

Ride Programme

Day 1 – Monday 02 May 2022

0915 Hrs	Pte Stewart Laing 3 Para	Kitswell Rd, Lanchester, Co. Durham, DH7 0JQ
1030 Hrs	Pte Phillip West 3 Para	Hollywood Ave, Gosforth, NE3 5BT
1140 Hrs	Capt Chris Dent 2 Para	Hesleyside Rd, Whitley Bay, NE25 9HB
1545 Hrs	DSgt Daniel Wight 2 SG	Mortonhall Cemetery, Edinburgh, EH16 6TX
1645 Hrs	Cpl Scott Wilson 9 Para RE	Eastern Cemetery, Edinburgh, EH7 5NB

Day 2 – Tuesday 03 May 2022

1015 Hrs	Capt David Wood 2 Para	Kennoway Cemetery, KY8 5LN
1150 Hrs	Mne Paul Callan RM	Western Cemetery, Arbroath, DD11 3RA
	Cpl Peter Fitton RM	
	Cpl Ian Spencer RM	
	Cpl Laurence Watts RM	
1345 Hrs	LSgt Clark Mitchell 2 SG	Laurencekirk Cemetery, AB30 1HF
1715 Hrs	LCpl Peter McKay RM	Macduff Myrus Cemetery, AB44 1PQ

Day 3 – Wednesday 04 May 2022

1300 Hrs	Spean Bridge Commando Memorial, PH34 4EG	
1600 Hrs	Mne Gordon MacPherson RM	Penny Fuir Cemetery, Oban, PA34 5TX

Day 4 – Thursday 05 May 2022

1130 Hrs	Sgt John Simeon 2 SG	North Dalnotter Cemetery, Glasgow, G81 4SL
1220 Hrs	LCpl James Murdoch 3 Para	Arklestone Rd Cemetery, Paisley, PA3 4JA
1310 Hrs	Gdsm Archibald Stirling 2 SG	Cardonald Cemetery, Glasgow, G52 1SB
1410 Hrs	Gdsm Derek Denholm 2 SG	Sandymount Cemetery, Glasgow, G32 0HW
1510 Hrs	Cpl David Hardman 2 Para	Welhall Cemetery, Hamilton, ML3 9BY
1640 Hrs	Gdsm David Malcolmson 2 SG	Knadgerhill Cemetery, Irvine, KA12 0YE
	Gdsm James Reynolds DCM 2 SG	

Day 5 – Friday 06 May 2022

1330 Hrs LCpl Tony Cork 2 Para Blaris Cemetery, Lisburn, BT27 4RL
1500 Hrs Palace Barracks Memorial Garden Palace Barracks, BT18 9RA

Day 6 – Saturday 07 May 2022

0715 Hrs Cpl Stewart McLaughlin 3 Para Rake Lane Cemetery, Wallasey, CH45 5DE
0815 Hrs Gdsm Ronald Tanbini 2 SG Kirkdale Cemetery, Aintree, L9 9EN
1030 Hrs Stwd John Stroud HMS Glamorgan Christ Church, Egerton, Bolton, BL7 9SA
1200 Hrs Pte Anthony Greenwood 3 Para Southern Cemetery, Chorlton, M21 7GL
1300 Hrs Pte Mark Fletcher MID 2 Para Stockport Cemetery, SK2 6LS
1500 Hrs LCpl Anthony Burke 1 WG St Margarets Church, Bodelwyddan, LL18 5TE
1630 Hrs The Welsh Guards Memorial Wrexham Town Hall, LL11 1ZA

Day 7 – Sunday 08 May 2022

1300 Hrs SAS Memorial & Graves St Martin's Church, Hereford, HR2 7RJ
1400 Hrs Pte Timothy Jenkins 3 Para Walford Road Cemetery, HR9 5PZ
1630 Hrs Spr Christopher Jones 59 Cdo Sqn RE Yew Tree Brake Cemetery, GL14 3HU

Day 8 – Monday 09 May 2022

1000 Hrs Welsh National Falklands Memorial Cardiff, CF10 3ND
1230 Hrs Cpl Keith McCarthy 3 Para Beckington Church, BA11 6TG
1600 Hrs Cpl Jeremy Smith RM Buckland Monochorum Cemetery, PL20 7NA

Day 9 – Tuesday 10 May 2022

1015 Hrs Sgt Roger Enefer RM Drake Cemetery, Plymouth, PL7 1UQ
1100 Hrs Cpl Mick Melia 59 Cdo Sqn RE Weston Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, PL2 2EP
1500 Hrs LC Adrian Wellstead HMS Sheffield St Nicholas Church, DT11 9QE
1600 Hrs Sgt Ian 'Kiwi' Hunt RM SBS St Michaels Church, Poole, BH15 4HR

Day 10 – Wednesday 11 May 2022

1100 Hrs Maj Roger Nutbeem RAMC Tidworth Military Cemetery, SP9 7JR
LCpl Peter Higgs 3 Para

1300 Hrs	LCpl Simon Cockton AAC	St Peter's Churchyard, Frimley GU16 7AQ
1430 Hrs	LCpl Christopher Thomas 1WG	Brookwood Military Cemetery, GU24 0JB
1600 Hrs	Cfn Alex Shaw REME 3 Para	Bordon Military Cemetery, GU35 9HQ

Day 11 – Thursday 12 May 2022

0900 Hrs	The Airborne Forces Memorial	Aldershot Military Cemetery, GU11 2DD
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Lt Jim Barry RSigs	CSgt Gordon Findlay 2 Para
LCpl Gary Bingley MM 2 Para	Sgt Ian McKay VC 3 Para
Pte Pete Hedicker 3 Para	Pte Ian Scrivens 3 Para
Pte Richard Absolon 3 Para	Pte Jonathon Crow 3 Para
Cpl Steve Prior 2 Para	Pte Craig Jones 3 Para
Cpl Stephen Hope 3 Para	LCpl David Scott 3 Para
Pte Jason Burt 3 Para	Pte Neil Grose 3 Para
Pte Tommy Mechan 2 Para	Pte Steve Illingsworth DCM 2 Para
Cpl Paul Sullivan 2 Para	LCpl Nigel Smith 2 Para

LCpl Badharparsad Limbu 1/7 Gurkha Rifles

1200 Hrs	Falklands Sea Forces Memorial	18 Gun Battery, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JE
1245 Hrs	The Yomper RM Memorial	Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 4PX
1430 Hrs	LCpl Christopher Lovett MID 3 Para	Durrington Cemetery, Worthing, BN14 0AB
1700 Hrs	Cpl Andy McIlvenny 9 Para RE	Holy Trinity Church, Gillingham, ME8 6JU

Day 12 – Friday 13 May 2022

1030 Hrs	Pte Stephen Dixon 2 Para	All Saints Church, Basildon, Essex, SS16 4PX
1300 Hrs	Air Assault Museum, Duxford.	CB22 4QR
1600 Hrs	Pte Dave Parr 2 Para	St Michaels Church, Oulton Broad, NR32 3JP

Day 13 – Saturday 14 May 2022

1130 Hrs	Pte Gerald Bull 3 Para	All Saints Churchyard, Brixworth, NN6 9DF
1330 Hrs	Pte Mark Dodsworth 3 Para	St Peter's Church, Walsall, WS2 8EA
1500 Hrs	Spr Wayne Tarbard 9 Para RE	St Mary's Church, Marston on Dove, DE65 5GB

1600 Hrs Mne Michael 'Blue' Nowak RM St Mary's Cemetery, Alvaston, DE24 0GE

1730 Hrs LCpl John Pashley 9 Para RE Eckington War Memorial, S21 4BH

MEM(M) Stephen Tonkin HMS Coventry

Day 14 – Sunday 15 May 2022

1100 Hrs South Yorkshire Air Museum Falklands Memorial & Exhibits

1330 Hrs Gdsm Andrew Walker 1WG Acomb Green, York, YO26 5LL

1500 Hrs Sir Rex Hunt CMG All Saints Church, Hutton Rudby, TS15 0EY

1600 Hrs The Last Post Memorial Bar The Last Post, Thornaby, TS17 7DR