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THE PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER September 2022

Please see below the monthly news from RHQ PARA. If you have anything you would like to promote in this, please send submissions by the 25th of each month to the Secretary at secretary@prahq.com

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A. Remembrance Day – Sunday 13 November 2022

This year's Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph will take place on Sunday 13 November 2022.

Applications closed on the 25 August but other spaces may become available to Association members later if the consolidated numbers have not gone over the 10,000 maximum. For those that have registered, please check your inbox/junk/spam folder and register your details ASAP if you have not done so already.

For planning purposes here are the outline Timings for the Event

- 0800 Horse Guards open
- 1000 Contingents are to be Assembled ready to march into Whitehall
- 1005 Contingents step off from Horse Guards as directed by Parade Marshals
- 1050 All contingents to be formed up in Whitehall
- 1059 A member of the Royal family arrives at the Cenotaph
- 1100 Two Minute Silence
- TBC March Past Starts

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B. Pegasus Journal Submissions 2022

Please send your photos and reports to this email address by the 30th November 2022:

PJE@supportourparas.org

We would like your report to be around 350-500 words in the form of a .doc file in Arial Font 12.

Photos – please only send .jpeg in size 1-3 Mb, attach these images to your email. Please do not drag them into the body of the email as it affects the file size.

Last Post – Please continue to keep in touch with the Association so that we can add the names of Airborne Comrades who have died to the list in Pegasus Journal.

C. Association Facebook and Website Events/Articles

There are still opportunities for Branches to submit articles regarding their Branch events or stories of their members. Ideally this would include a short piece on the activity or individual along with a small number of photographs to add to the story.

This could also include fundraising activities

D. Regimental Charity Donations

The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Charity (Support Our Paras) have a number of fundraising events planned. There have been a number of great fundraising events organised by individuals and groups to support our charity, which is outstanding. Your continued support to the Regimental Charities is vital to the direct support of Airborne Veterans and their families, now and in the future.

Anyone looking to raise money for Support Our Paras should get in touch as soon as possible to see how the team can help you. Check out the website at: <https://supportourparas.org/>

E. Welfare Process

It is very important that Branches use the regimental welfare Team for any cases that are reported to them. We have had a number of cases recently that have escalated into quite complex cases and members of the Branch have been unnecessarily burdened by the work this has produced. The Welfare Team are trained to deal with these cases and will be able to identify the most suitable course of action for an individual in need.

For serving personnel please contact your Unit Welfare Officer (UWO) in the first instance for any welfare support.

For veterans please contact the Support our Paras (the official charity of The Parachute Regiment) Welfare Team for any queries.

Laura McPhilemy, Head of Welfare. Email: HoW@supportourparas.org Tel: 07702 190685 or

Lisa Stapleton, Welfare Cell Manager. Email: wm@supportourparas.org Tel: 07340 347136

We are based within RHQ PARA in Merville Barracks, Colchester.

Support our Paras can assist any past or present member of The Parachute Regiment or wider Airborne Forces plus their families if eligible.

If you require financial assistance please contact either SSAFA 0800 731 4880 info@ssafa.org.uk or the RBL 0808 802 8080 info@britishlegion.org.uk in the first instance. You will be allocated a caseworker who will complete a Form A request for assistance with you. This will then be sent to the Support our Paras Welfare Team for consideration. Successful grants are issued swiftly back to the caseworker for onward payment. Urgent grants can be made on the day if required. This process is both confidential and transparent, providing an audit trail.

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F. Arnhem – Outline of Events

Please see below an outline of events that are supported by RHQ Para during the weekend 16-18 September 22 in Arnhem:

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| Fri 16 Sept 22 | 0900hrs | Service of Remembrance | The Needle, Oosterbeek |
| | 0930hrs | Stone of Friendship | Hartenstein Museum, Oosterbeek |
| | 1100hrs | Internment of Ashes – Joe Mawdsley. 1st AB Bn, The Border Regiment. Josef Wojciechowski. 1 st independent Polish Para Bde John Jeffries. Royal Corps of Signals HQ, 4 Para Bde | Oosterbeek CWGC Cemetery |
| | 1500hrs | Airborne Monument Nassaustraet, Arnhem In commemoration of the actions of the South Staffs Regiment and 3 Para | Remember September 1944 Monument, West Lombok, Nassauplein |
| | 1900hrs | Service of Remembrance | Airborne Memorial, Heelsum |
| | 1900hrs | Memorial Service and Wreath Laying. Airborne Plein | Airborne Square, Arnhem |
| | 1500hrs | Memorial Service and Wreath Laying in Driel. | Monuments at the Polenplein- Plac Polski Poland Square, Driel |
| | 1730hrs | RE Memorial Wreath Laying Service | RE Monument, Drielse, Rijndijk |
| Sat 17 Sep 22 | 1000hrs | Ginkel Heath Parachuting and Helicopter Display. | Ginkel Heath Parking restrictions apply |
| | 1400hrs | RAF Air Crew Monument Hartenstein Museum | Hartenstein Museum |
| | 1500hrs | Memorial Service and Wreath Laying | Polish Bde Memorial Driel Loc: Polenplein Plac Polski, Polenplein, 6665 <i>Driel</i> |
| | 1730hrs | British and Canadian RE OP BERLIN memorial ceremony RE | RE Memorial at Drielse Dijk |
| Sun 18 Sept 22 | 0900hrs | English/Dutch service of Remembrance | Old Church, Benedendorpsweg, Oosterbeek |
| | 1100hrs | Official Commemoration Service of Remembrance and laying of flowers | CWGC Oosterbeek Cemetery |
| | 1600hrs | Air Despatch Monument Wreath Laying | AD Memorial, Van Limburg Stirumweg, Oosterbeek |

A full list of events and issued by the Dutch is also provided as an attachment.

G. Arnhem Commemorations 2022- Registration

The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Charity has announced that the Airborne Memorial Service Oosterbeek will take place on Sunday 18 September 2022 at 11.00 am at the Arnhem-Oosterbeek War Cemetery of the Commonwealth War Grave Commission at the Van Limburg Stirumweg in Oosterbeek. During this 78th Memorial Service various branches will lay wreaths at the Cross of Sacrifice and hundreds of Schoolchildren will lay flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers.

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The Memorial Service starts at 11.00 am and lasts about an hour. Due to the limited space at the cemetery and the large number of expected visitors, we want to give the Next of Kin of the men who are buried in the cemetery and also Arnhem Veterans an extra opportunity to use a seat.

Therefore, we kindly ask the Next of Kin and Arnhem Veterans to report their presence at the Memorial Service early to the organization of the Memorial Service by e-mailing a request for a seat-ticket to info@prafc.nl You can do this until August 20, 2022. This is only for the direct Next of Kin and Arnhem Veterans. The special seat-ticket will be sent by post.

For other visitors who need a seat like the elderly and disabled, a limited number of seats will be placed in the cemetery. Our advice is to arrive early. The organisation makes an urgent appeal to visitors who can stand during the Memorial Service not to use a seat.

Any Branch who will be represented by their Standard Bearer or wishes to lay a wreath should register them by e-mailing info@prafc.nl

At the time of this publication in the Netherlands there are no restrictions regarding COVID. Our advice is to regularly visit the governments health website so that you are aware of any regulations and restrictions for both countries concerning traveling before attending the Memorial Service.

For information about the Airborne Memorial Service Oosterbeek, you can send an e-mail to info@prafc.nl



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H. Arnhem Oosterbeek Coach Registration

The organisers of the service at Oosterbeek are looking to identify and allocate parking for coaches on Sunday 18 September 22. Those traveling by coach from the branches are asked to register at the earliest opportunity. Parking will be allocated near to the cemetery for all those that register. The following details are required:

Name of the branch/travel party
Operator of the coach
Registration of the coach

Please email Jaap van Genderen ; jvangenderen@gmail.com

I. Diary Dates

Event information for 2022 is becoming available on the website so please take a look:

<https://theparachuteregimentalassociation.com/events/>

If you have any dates for 2022 or beyond, please let me know at the earliest opportunity so that they can be added to the diary. Information for events can be sent to be included on the website forecast of events. Full details of events such as date, time, outline of event, cost etc. must be provided and updated accordingly.

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| 10 Sep 22 | Friends of the Tenth Commemoration | Melton Mowbray |
| 11 Sep 22 | Somerby Arnhem Parade | Leicester |
| 16-18 Sep 22 | Arnhem Commemorations | Netherlands |
| 4 Nov 22 | St Lawrence Jewry | London (Exact Loc TBC) |
| 4 Nov 22 | Annual Officers Dinner | C & G Club, London (Date TBC) |
| 10 Nov 22 | Field of Remembrance | Westminster Abbey |
| 13 Nov 22 | Remembrance Day | Whitehall, London |
| 26 Nov 22 | 10 Para Reunion | London |
| 8 Jul 23 | Regimental Commemoration Day | NMA |

Details of all these events and others are available on the Web Page at
www.theparachuteregimentalassociation.com

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Attachments:

1. Arnhem 78 Program of Events

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