



The Sirmoor Rifles Association (The Sirmoor Club)

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Dear Sirmoori

5/8 GORKHA RIFLES (SIRMOOR RIFLES) PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION (28 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2017) – WARNING ORDER

1. **General.** The 5/8 Gorkha Rifles (Sirmoor Rifles) are planning their Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in celebration of 75 years of service since they were first raised as the 4th Bn 2nd KEO Goorkha Rifles (Sirmoor Rifles) on 15 March 1941 at Dharmsala.
2. **Invitation.** The Commanding Officer 5/8 GR (Sirmoor Rifles) has extended a general invitation to the former British and Gurkha Officers of the Sirmoor Rifles Association to attend the 5/8GR Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Hyderabad/Secunderabad, between 28 – 30 September 2017.
3. **Outline Programme.** To be confirmed by 5/8 GR.
4. **Initial Interest Bidding Process.** To get an indication in the numbers attending, Sirmooris are asked to submit their Initial Interest Booking Form direct to their respective Secretaries by 3 July 2017. Secretaries are then to forward their consolidated returns to Major N D Wylie Carrick by 10 July who will send a consolidated SRA list to 5/8GR, cc'd to all by 15 July 17.
5. **Key Dates.**
 - a. tbc 2017. 5/8 Outline Programme (to follow when received).
 - b. 3 July 2017. Initial Interest Forms submitted to SRA Secretaries.
 - c. 10 July 2017. SRA Secretaries to submit consolidated returns to Maj Wylie Carrick.
 - d. 15 July 2017. Major N D Wylie Carrick to send SRA Consolidated Nominal Roll to 5/8GR.
 - e. August/September. Detailed Programme and Admin Instructions issued to those who have expressed an interest to attend.

- f. 28 – 30 September 2017. 5/8GR Platinum Jubilee at Hyderabad.
6. **Administration.** Details to follow:
- a. **Initial Interest Booking Form.** Attached. . Ideally please return by e-mail.
 - b. **Flights.** Under individual arrangements to India & Hyderabad.
 - c. **Accommodation.** 5/8 GR will be able to provide limited accommodation in Married Quarters (married couples), Officers Mess (Single Accommodation) or privately arranged in local Hotels between 27/28 – 30 Sep inclusive. The CO 5/8GR has stressed that Sirmoor officers attending will be looked by the Battalion as honoured guests. Much will depend on numbers attending. Please make your preference known on the Initial Interest Booking Form.
 - d. **Detailed Programme and Admin Instructions.** 5/8GR will issue detailed Programme and Administrative Instructions to those confirming attendance.
 - e. **Questions.** Please send in any questions with your Initial Interest Form. A consolidated list of questions will be forwarded to 5/8 GR and answers will be provided when known.
7. **Point of Contacts.** SRA Point of Contacts as follows:
- a. SRA (Sirmoor Club) – Major N D Wylie Carrick MBE. HonSec@2ndGoorkhas.com
 - b. SRA (Sirmoor Club Nepal) – Captain Bharatsing Thapa Chhetri. bschhetri@gmail.com
 - c. SRA (Sirmoor Sathis UK) – Captain Raju Gurung. rupgurung73@hotmail.com



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All Sirmoor Club Members
Captain Raju Gurung for all Gurkha Officers in the UK
Captain Bharatsing Thapa Chhetri

Enclosure:

Initial Interest Booking Form