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GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE GBA MEMORIAL AT THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM 11 NOVEMBER 2017 - WARNING ORDER

1. **General.** Following the National Act of Remembrance at the Armed Forces Memorial on the 11th Nov 17 at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA), the GBA will conduct its own Act of Remembrance at the Gurkha Chautara.
2. **Objective.** Provide a focal point for GBA Members living in the Midlands area to take part in a collective GBA Act of Remembrance at the Gurkha Chautara, NMA, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR.
3. **Tasks.**
 - a. HQBG. The Bde Sec is to:
 - (1) Coordinate support from QGSIGNALS.
 - (2) Support Chairman N Midlands Branch GWT in organising the event.
 - (3) Order RA wreaths to be sent to the Chairman GWT N Midlands.
 - b. GWT (N Midlands Branch). Coordinate the GBA Act of Remembrance at the Gurkha Chautara, NMA. Bring RA wreaths to the NMA on 11 Nov 17.
 - c. QGSIGNALS. Provide limited support to the Act of Remembrance with Provision of uniformed personnel; Wreath Layer and 2 x GORs. (Piper tbc).
 - d. Regimental Associations & Ex Gurkha Communities. RAs and ex Gurkha Communities are asked to:
 - (1) Provide a RA Wreath layer to lay their RA wreath if possible.
 - (2) Encourage their members living in the Midlands and North of England to attend.
 - (3) Confirm wreath & attendance. See Para 5.

4. **Attendance.** Planning figures are anticipated to be:

Ser	Attendance	Estimated Nos	Remarks
a.	QGSIGNALS	4	uniformed
b.	GWT W Midlands	10	Chairman +
c.	RAs x	40	(5 per RA) 2, 6, 7, 10, RGR, QGE, QGSIGNALS & QOGLR
d.	Ex Gurkha Communities	25	Nuneaton Standard (tbc)
f.	Total	79	

5. **Booking Form.** See Annex A. RAs and Gurkha communities are asked to:

- a. **RAs to confirm wreath & wreath layer to the Bde Sec by 1 Oct 17**
- b. **Individual returns may be submitted direct to the Bde Sec by 01 Oct 17.**

6. **Key dates.**

- a. 01 Oct 17. RAs and Gurkha communities to confirm wreath requirements to Bde Sec. Bde Sec to order wreaths from RBL.
- b. 01 Oct 17. Individual returns to Bde Sec confirming attendance.
- c. 05 Oct 17. The Bde Sec to arrange for all wreaths to be sent to the Chairman N Midlands GWT.
- d. 11 Nov 17. GBA Act of Remembrance.

7. **Outline Programme 11 Nov 17.**

- a. 1030 Assemble with general public for the NMA Act of Remembrance. Move to the Armed Forces Memorial.
- b. After NMA service. Reassemble at the Gurkha Chautara.
- c. 1145 Act of Remembrance at Chautara: (Music is currently not permitted).
 - Gurkha Collect: GBA representative.
 - At the going down etc: GWT representative.
 - Laying of wreaths: GBA, RA, GWT & local Community wreaths
- d. 1230 Return to main building.
- e. 1245 Coffee & biscuits at NMA Restaurant or RBL Alrewas (on A38).
- f. 1400 Disperse in own time.

8. Administration.

a. Dress.

- (1) Serving officers and Gurkha soldiers. No 2 dress, Gurkha hat, medals and no swords.
- (2) Regtl Mufti with Gurkha Hat/side cap and medals.

b. Transport. Own arrangements. Car parking is available at the NMA and at the Alrewas RBL centre.

(1) By Road. National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR. Tel: 01283 792333; website; www.thenma.org.uk. Recommended latest arrival time no later than 0945.

(1) By Rail.

- i. Lichfield Trent Valley. Closest railway station. Recommended latest arrival time no later than 0945. Please note there is a 10 – 15 minute taxi drive to NMA.
- ii. Lichfield. Recommended latest arrival time no later than 0900. There is a 15-20 minute taxi drive to NMA.

(2) Local Taxi. Cost approximately c. £10 from station to NMA by City Cars. Tel; 01543 255 440/01453 254999; email: citycarsmids@hotmail.com.

c. Lunch. NMA Marquees are fully booked for NMA event.

- (1) Coffee/ lunch could be purchased at NMA Restaurant if numbers do not justify RBL booking (presently pencilled in for 50).
- (2) Coffee & biscuits at RBL Alrewas (on A38). (Minimum booking 50 pers).

d. Wreaths. Bde Sec to order RA wreaths (on refund) and to arrange for all wreaths to be sent to the Chairman N Midlands GWT.

e. NMA for collection on 10 Nov 17.

9. Point of Contact.

a. Bde Sec: Tel 01276 412737; e-mail GurkhasBde-BdeSec@mod.uk.

b. Chairman N Midlands Branch GWT. Maj R J (Rob) Cross (QGEA): Tel 01889 577721; Mob 07968891328; e-mail robcross@crossimages.plus.com.

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Annexes:

A. GBA Act of Remembrance NMA – Booking Form.

Distribution:

Action:

All RAs

GWT

Chairman N Midlands Branch GWT

GWAC (Salisbury) for distribution to Nepali Communities.

Gurkha Museum

Copy to:

President GBA

Chairman GBA



ANNEX A
TO BGS 076A
DATED 30 AUGUST 2017

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**GURKHA BRIGADE ASSOCIATION 'ACT OF REMEMBRANCE' AT NMA - 11 NOV 2017 –
BOOKING FORM**

Wreaths Return. Please return to the Brigade Secretary 01 Oct 17.

Individual Return. Please return to the Brigade Secretary 01 Oct 17.

From: _____ Association

1. **Wreath.** We require wreath (£18.50 each). A Cheque for is enclosed.

2. **Attendance.** The following will be attending the Act of Remembrance on 11 Nov 17:

Ser	Rank	First Name	Surname	Appointment
1.				Wreath Layer
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				