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Dear Gurkha Association

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Attendees/Eligibility

The Falklands 40 Commemorative Event is open to veterans of the Falklands Conflict and their spouses/partners, as well as members of civilian organisations that supported the Task Force. We will also be inviting representatives from the bereaved families; for more information, please see below.

Registration

All applicants will need to register to attend through their respective Ex-Service Associations. We respectfully request that participating Associations promote the event details and importantly, validate that all respective applicants did indeed serve during the Conflict.

If you, the addressee, are not the appropriate point of contact (POC) for your association, please send the correct name and contact details to falklands@britishlegion.org.uk so that we can ensure all further communications are sent to the appropriate POC.

Registration Process

The association POC will be contacted in early February with a link to the RBL Accreditation Portal. All relevant names should then be entered onto the portal, in a similar method to that applied for the annual Cenotaph Dispersal. We ask that all names are submitted before the registration window closes in late April.

E-tickets will be issued to individuals closer to the event.

Stories from the Conflict

As part of our commemorative activity, we plan to share content on our channels from April onwards, culminating in coverage of the 40th anniversary event at the National Memorial Arboretum in June. In addition to this, we are looking for people willing to share their stories in a range of broadcast, print and online media outlets. The RBL's Press Office would be grateful if association POCs could help identify association members who would be willing to share their stories from the conflict. A PR outreach document is attached to this email with more details.

Bereaved Families

The names of 255 British personnel who lost their lives in the Falklands Conflict are inscribed on the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum. The RBL intent is to appropriately host two representatives of each Bereaved Family to attend the Falklands 40 Commemorative Event. Associations are kindly requested to share the relevant contact details with the RBL as soon as possible via falklands@britishlegion.org.uk so that the relevant arrangements can be made.

Event details (for points of contact to send to their association members)

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The RBL's Falklands 40 is set to be a very special occasion, commemorating the conflict that ended 40 years ago.

Veterans of the Falklands Conflict, their families and participating civilian organisations are invited to attend the event of the 14th of June at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. All those wishing to attend **must register through their appropriate association. Registration will open in early February and if you wish to attend please email your association lead.**

Doors will open at the NMA from 0900 with the central Act of Remembrance Service taking place at 1330. Further details will be sent out in early February.

[Click here for the FAQs](#)

If you have any questions about the event or the accreditation process, please do not hesitate to email the event team at falklands@britishlegion.org.uk

Best wishes,

The Commemorative Events Team