



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND INVERNESS BRANCH

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Dear Sir/Madam

### ARMED FORCES' WEEKEND - 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009

As you may be aware, the former Veterans' Day Parade has now become Armed Forces' Day on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Locally the Inverness Branch of the **Royal British Legion Scotland** has formed a sub committee along with the **Highland Council** and involving other interested parties to organise an Armed Forces' Weekend over Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009. In line with Government thinking (details attached) to celebrate the **Armed Forces, Past, Present and future**.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July it is proposed to start the weekend with a Parade comprising of as much input by the Regular Forces as can be mustered given the amount of active service they are all committed to, also the Cadet Forces, Youth Organisations, the Regimental Associations etc, led by the British Legion Pipe Band (**who are on this day, also celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**) through the City Centre to the Northern Meeting Park, stopping at the Town House to take the Salute and to **'March on' the Colours of the Legion Branches and Area and as many other Forces related Associations Colours as can attend on the day**. **The British Legion Pipe Band is also looking for support to make up a massed Pipe Band on the day**.

At the Northern Meeting Park it is hoped to have a wide variety of static displays relevant to different sections of the Armed Forces, Reservists, the Recruiting agencies, the Cadet Forces, youth organisations, Rescue Services etc. A display of vintage military vehicles has been organised to generate an interest to the general public. Also as we have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland (they will be in Theatre in Afghanistan by this time) we have arranged for the **BFBS** to do interviews with some of the Families and have this transmitted via a digital radio link to Afghanistan.

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Once the Parade has entered the Park the massed Pipe Bands will play throughout the afternoon along with other forms of entertainment. Further details have yet to be finalised but it is proposed that the Celebrations will commence at 14.00 hrs and the afternoon will close at approximately 17.00 hrs.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July the Inverness Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland will hold an Armed Forces' Day Parade and Drumhead Service marching from the British Legion Club Rooms in Huntly Street at 13.30 hrs to the Northern Meeting Park where the Drumhead Service will be conducted by the Rev Peter Howson. We hope to have the Lord Lieutenant in attendance to take the Salute and also as many Association Standards as possible.

Any help or input you could make available would be greatly appreciated by the committee and I am sure the general public.

Yours respectfully,

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