



**Queen's Own Highlanders
Regimental Association
Edinburgh Branch**

**NORTHERN IRELAND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
20th SEPTEMBER 2014**

We have received notice and an invitation from the Northern Ireland Veterans Association about their annual Service of Remembrance at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire - to commemorate all those members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives whilst serving on Op Banner Tours.

It has therefore been suggested that members of our Association might like to take part in this service and indeed take the opportunity to march behind our Association Standards as a mark of respect for our own fallen comrades.

PROPOSAL

Friday 19th September 2014 - Depart from Inverness on Friday 19th September. Pick up from Edinburgh and arrive at Burton Upon Trent late afternoon.

Saturday 20th September 2014 - Attend the Service of Remembrance at about 11.30 am and march as an Association behind the Branch Standards. Socialise at local hostelries in the evening

Sunday 21st September 2014 - Depart for the north after breakfast

FUNDING

The hire of a modern 49-seater coach (with on board toilets etc) for the week-end is going to cost in the region of £1500.00. The Chairman of our Regimental Association, James Murray, has very kindly agreed to provide funding for this comradeship event from Regimental Funds

Members will therefore just need to pay for their accommodation and food for the week-end.

After some research, suitable rooms have provisionally been booked at the Premier Inn in Burton Upon Trent – the advantages of staying in this particular inn is that we can get everyone in the same hotel and it has an adjacent Beefeater Inn where people can get their breakfast and other meals (plus it has a bar!).

The Premier Inn charges £58.50 per room per night (this does not include breakfast). We have asked for twin rooms so people can share (the room that is, not the bed!) This means that if people share, the cost per member will be £58.50 for the week-end. For those who want a room to themselves the cost would obviously be £117.00.

Because we are expecting a strong response, we unfortunately might need to cap numbers. It has therefore been decided that fairest way to proceed is that anyone applying for places on the coach should be paid up members of one of our Branches, that the places be allocated on a first come first served basis, and a cheque be received with your application (cheques will not be cashed until August). Any cheques arriving after all the places have been allocated will be returned. Of course this does not exclude anyone who might want to get to the National Arboretum under their own steam and who might only want to stay for the day – just turn up and feel proud to march behind standards bearing the badges of the Queen's Own Highlanders!

**George Givens
Edinburgh Branch**

**Bob Towns
Highland Branch**

RETURN – NORTHERN IRELAND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
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Name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Telephone Number	
Branch:	
Pick up point? (Inverness or Edinburgh)	
I wish to share with (please get agreement with the person you wish to share with first!):	
I wish to have a room on my own (please tick)	
I enclose a cheque for: £58.50 if sharing £117.00 if in own room	£.....
Cheques should be made out to “George Givens” as the total & final payments made to Premier Inn will be made on his credit card.	
Cheques <u>will not be cashed</u> until just before the payment is due to Premier Inn in mid-August	

An admin instruction will be issued to all successful applicants with timings and pick up details nearer to the date of the trip so please ensure your email address/home address details are completed

Please send all returns to George Givens, 23 Forbes Road, Rosyth, KY11 2AN