

SCOTTISH NATIONAL VE DAY 75TH COMMEMORATION

EDINBURGH 8TH MAY 2020

On the 8th May 2020 Edinburgh will be hosting the Main National celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. In line with the importance of this celebration, businesses Nationwide have been requested to move their Monday May Day holiday to Friday the 8th of May to allow as many people as possible to attend this main event in Edinburgh.

Details of the event are now being published by RBLs which I will list below.

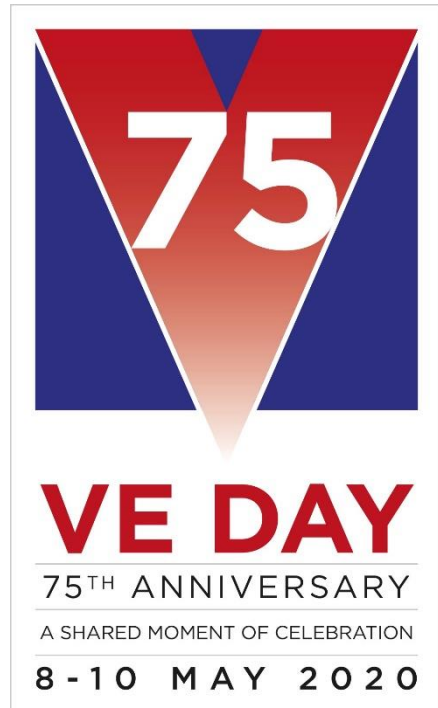
The Edinburgh Branch of the Queens Own Highlanders Regimental Association will be on parade alongside other Regimental Associations on Friday the 8th May 2020 and would like to maximise the amount of Blue Hackles on parade to remind the world that the Queens Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Cameron) are still alive and as strong a unit as we have always been.

The Edinburgh Branch would like to encourage all Seaforth Highlanders, Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, Queens Own Highlanders and Highlanders to attend the Edinburgh event and march with pride beside your comrades in arms as well as giving you the opportunity of rekindling friendships with muckers you may not have seen for many years.

Dress code will be tartan (kilt or trews) if you have it but if not, dig out your Glengarry and join us to march through Edinburgh. If you are now unable to march we will be delighted to see you lining the route supporting the marching contingent.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the Edinburgh Event by contacting me on our Regimental Association email address edinburghbranch@cabarfeidh.com before 30th April 2020 which will allow us to give RBLs the size of our marching contingent.

Please now find below the outline of timings for Friday 8th May 2020. Timings may be subject to change nearer the time. If they do change drastically I will update everyone closer to the time.



OUTLINE TIMINGS 8TH MAY 2020

- 08.00 Final set up of Ross Band Stand
- 08.00 Sound check and rehearsals for performers and orchestra
- 09.00 Rehearsal for RBLs Riders Branch
- 09.20 Rehearsal for youth groups flag bearers at Ross Bandstand
- 09.30 Horse boxes move to holding area
- 09.30 Veterans Breakfast Club Meeting at The Royal Scots Club, Abercromby Place
- 09.45 Riders Branch and SMVG move from King Stable Road to the Parade Assembly area
At Eastern side of George Street on the South carriageway at St Andrew Square
- 10.00 Road closures come into effect on George Street
- 10.15 VIP arrival at Assembly Rooms
- 10.30 WW2 Veterans arrive at Assembly Rooms
- 10.45 Parade personnel arrive in assembly area at East side of George Street at St Andrew Square
- 11.15 Horses move from holding area along the North Carriageway of George Street
- 11.25 VIP and WW2 Veterans take position on saluting dias outside Assembly Rooms
- 11.30 Parade steps off following route George Street to Castle Street.
- Horses will move back to Charlotte Square once they have passed the saluting dias
 - SMVG will proceed directly to Red Blaise in Princes Street Gardens
 - RBLs Riders Branch will enter through St Cuthbert's and take up position between The Ross Fountain and Ross Band Stand to line the route
 - Once dismissed in Castle Street all parade members will move across Princes Street And into Princes Street Gardens to the Ross Band Stand
 - Youth Groups will position National Flags to surround the Ross Band Stand
 - The RAF Pipes and Drums will move to the Western Side of Princes Street Gardens To lead WW2 Veterans to the Ross Band Stand
 - All VIP vehicles will pick up VIPs once the parade has passed and will proceed to the rear of the Ross Band Stand
 - All Fares for Free vehicles will pick up WW2 Veterans and take them to Princes Street Gardens
 - The senior person attending will be invited to welcome all WW2 Veterans and those attending
- 12.30 Concert begins
- 13.30 Interval until 14.00
- 13.45 Flypast 2 x Typhoons
- 14.55 The National Toast
- 15.00 Single round fired from time gun at Edinburgh Castle
- 15.00 VE 75 Pipe Tune played from Edinburgh Castle by solo Piper
- 15.10 Finale (RAF Pipes and Drums)
- 15.15 Dispersal and clear up

ALL TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CONFIRMATION