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## NOTICE

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION DINNER

Are To Be On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 at 1800 hours  
In Dunmore Park TAC, Ashfield Crescent, Belfast, BT15 3FR  
Details of the Meeting and Dinner are shown on page 2.

### Forth Coming Events Remembrance Sunday Belfast

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November 2009. The refurbishment of the Belfast City Hall is now complete and will be open to the public in September. The wreath laying ceremony in the Belfast City Hall can now be resumed and will be followed by a short act of remembrance in Dunmore Park TAC.

#### Other Locations In Ulster

The North Irish Horse Regimental Association will participate in wreath laying ceremonies at other locations within the province Limavady, Londonderry, Dervock and Ballymoney. Details of the individual ceremonies and contacts will be published prior to the events.

#### London

**The Field of Remembrance.** The 2009 Field of Remembrance event at Westminster Abbey will take place on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 1030am. This ceremony is usually followed by a NIH lunch and a short act of commemoration in Westminster Cathedral.

**Remembrance Sunday.** A wreath will be laid on behalf of the Regimental Association at Whitehall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 by members of the English Branch.

**Support the English Branch.** Any member of the Regimental Association who would like to participate in any of the events in London should contact Colonel David Maitland-Titterton. (0118 9815098).

### The Festival of Remembrance Belfast

The Royal British Legion (Northern Ireland) will be holding their Festival of Remembrance in the waterfront Hall Belfast on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

#### Tickets

The RBL (NI) have decided that tickets for this year's Festival of Remembrance will be on sale from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 direct from the Belfast Waterfront Hall Box Office, whose opening hours are 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

Tickets may be booked by:

Telephone: 028 9033 4455. or [www.waterfront.co.uk](http://www.waterfront.co.uk)

Handling charges will apply.

### The North West Branch

#### Tipperary Remembrance Trust

Members of 69 Signal Squadron and the North West Branch are taking part in the Tipperary Remembrance and Conference Weekend during the weekend 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September. All members of the Regimental Association are welcome to attend.

#### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the North West Branch will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Victoria Hall Londonderry.

#### More Information

Further information on both the above events can be obtained from the NW Branch Secretary Mac McGowan  
Tel: 028 7035 861

### The Regimental Association Membership

There are currently 381 members on the Regimental Association Nominal Roll. Sadly only 217 have been issued with the new membership cards that were issued in December 2007. A break down of the membership status is as follows:

Cards holders	Yes	No	Total
Resident in England	48	27	75
NW Branch	51	10	61
Resident elsewhere **	118	127	245
Totals	217	164	381

\*\* The elsewhere total includes 4 resident overseas.

It is every ones responsibility to try and encourage the non-card holders to re-establish their membership of the association. When ever you see an old comrade ask him if he is a card holder; if he is not, ask him to contact the secretary. Hard-Ryder on his travels has seen quite prominent members of both the Sabre and Signal Squadrons wearing our tie but they are not members of the Regimental Association!!!

### The North Irish Horse Regimental Association Web-site

All members should ensure that they visit the Regimental Association web-site as the Minutes of the previous AGM held in November 2008 are available on [www.northirishhorse.com](http://www.northirishhorse.com) Visiting the Regimental Web-site is an ideal way to keep in touch with your Regimental Association and former comrades.

**THE NORTH IRISH HORSE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTICE OF**  
**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**  
**DINNER**

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**In Dunmore Park TAC, Ashfield Crescent, Belfast, BT15 3FR**  
Secretary: RJ Kirk, 108 Seacliff Road, Bangor, Co Down BT20 5EZ

28<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Dear Member

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 the Regimental Association will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will commence at **1800 hours**, the Chairman requests that everyone will make a special effort to attend the meeting. The AGM will be followed by the Regimental Association Annual Dinner at approximately 1930 hours.

**AGENDA:** The agenda will include; a) The Memoriam to pay respect to those who have passed on within the last year. (Please inform the secretary if you know of any recently deceased members with as much detail as you can as soon as possible before the meeting.) b). Welcome and Apologies. c) The Minutes of the AGM for 2008. d) Annual Reports from: the Chairman of the Regimental Association, the Treasurer, Chairman of the English Branch and Chairman of the North West Branch. d) The Election of Officers and Committees for 2008 / 2009. e) Benevolence. f) Any other business.

**ANY OTHER PROPOSALS / BUSINESS.** If members have any issues, proposals or any other business they wish to bring before the AGM for consideration; they should notify the Secretary in writing as soon as possible and not later than seven days before the AGM. The Chairman is not able to accept any items under the heading any other business unless the Secretary has received notification by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** It will be useful if all members attending ensure that they bring their Membership Cards.

**THE ANNUAL DINNER.** The AGM will be followed by the Regimental Association Annual Dinner. The charge for the dinner this year will be £15. To ensure that the cost can be kept to a minimum no VIP (Non Paying) guests are being invited. Association members may invite a guest to the dinner. However, the Regimental Association Dinner is not intended to be a Ladies Night.

**The Menu**

Vegetable Soup  
Roast Rib of Beef, a selection of Vegetables, Roast and Creamed Potatoes.  
A selection of puddings (including apple pie)

The Honorary Colonel has kindly declared his intention to provide the Port for the Toasts

Wine is not included in the cost of the dinner. Wine will be available from the cash bar which will be open both before and after the dinner. Tickets will not be issued; entry to the dinner will be by nominal roll.

**REPLIES. Non Serving members.** Please indicate your intention to attend the Regimental Association Dinner on the attached reply slip.

**Serving Members.** It will ease administration if serving officers and soldiers submit their returns and dining fee through their Squadron Representative. The Sabre Squadron; WOII Colin Davidson. The Signal Squadron Sgt Ricky George.

RJ Kirk  
Secretary, for Chairman

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**Attendance Return**

Name (Block Capitals)\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number.\_\_\_\_\_

Membership number as shown on your membership card. \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual General Meeting**

I **Will / Will Not** be attending the AGM to be held in Dunmore Park TAC on Saturday 22 November 2008.

**Regimental Association Dinner**

(The cost of the dinner is £15 per person).

I would like to attend the Regimental Association Dinner on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 following the AGM., and I will be accompanied by:.

Guests Name. \_\_\_\_\_

My cheque for £            is enclosed.. (Please note tickets will not be issued)

Cheques should be drawn in favour of; **The NIH Regimental Association**, and crossed account payee. Please return to the Secretary at the address shown below by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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