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The Regimental Family   28 April 2015

THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT & AIRBORNE FORCES MEMORIAL SERVICE – 20 JUNE 15

I am writing on behalf of the Colonel Commandant of The Parachute Regiment, Lieutenant General J Lorimer DSO MBE, who would like to extend an open invitation to everyone associated with the wider Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces family to attend a Memorial Service to be held at 1130hrs on 20 June 2015 at the National Memorial Arboretum, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR.

This Memorial Service is being held to commemorate soldiers who have died having served in The Parachute Regiment & Airborne Forces since its inception in 1940. The Service will take place in front of our Memorial which was unveiled on 13 July 2012 by The Colonel in Chief, HRH POW. The Memorial was erected as a national focal point and now provides a place of pilgrimage; particularly to those who have lost family members in foreign and inaccessible countries.

The programme for the day will consist of a Memorial Service followed by a reception for invited RHQ guests and the PRA will also host a reception for members and their guests. For other guests there will be an opportunity to purchase a light lunch in the NMA restaurant and bar both of which are on site. During the afternoon there will be an opportunity to visit the remainder of the memorials and to listen to The Band of The Parachute Regiment.

Should you wish to accept this invitation, would you please let RHQ PARA know by contacting Amy Graham at RHQ PARA either by phone 01206 817082 or by email amy.graham739@mod.uk by Friday 13th June 2015.

We hope that you decide to take this opportunity to reinforce your ties with the Regimental family and we look forward to seeing you in June.

P D RODGERS
Regimental Secretary