



# Royal Anglian News



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# Regimental News

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## The Regimental Day - 3 September 2023

### Programme

All members of our Regimental family are warmly invited to attend their Regimental Day at The Imperial War Museum, Duxford, CB22 4QR, on Sunday 3rd September 2023. As well as being our annual reunion, this is the 59th Anniversary of the foundation of our Regiment.

For access control, it is ideal if our veterans have their Association Membership Cards and those serving have their ID Cards. A print out of this flyer will also suffice.

### **Access is via Gate 1 - Not the Main Public Gate**

Music for the day is kindly provided by the Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment and by the Corps of Drums of our affiliated ACFs. The timings are:

- 09:30 hrs Gate 1 Open. (regrettably no dogs allowed).
- 11:00 hrs Muster for Drumhead Service, please be seated by 11:15 hours.
- 11:20 hrs Standards March On.
- 11:30 hrs Drumhead Service at the Regimental Memorial.
- 12:00 hrs Bars and Stalls open, picnic tables will be available.
- 13:00 hrs Music by the Regimental Band in the picnic area.
- 15:30 hrs Flag Lowering Ceremony.
- 16:00 hrs Bars and Stalls close.

### **The Royal Anglian Regiment Charity**

There is no charge for entry to our Regimental Day, which is funded by our charity. It is estimated to cost £15 per person for this event and there will be opportunities for you to donate to our charity

It is politely requested that no other collections take place.

The Royal Anglian Regiment Charity exists to support past and present members of our Regiment and its forebear Regiments, and their dependents, when they find themselves in need, hardship or distress.

## Annual Regimental Representative Event Bedford School - 14<sup>TH</sup> July 2023

This year it was the turn of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire to host the annual Regimental Representative Event where the great and the good of those counties and their neighbours are thanked for the support they show the Regiment. It also offers the hosting battalion, in this case the 2nd Battalion, an opportunity to show off their skills and experiences with the civic communities of their home base.



Major Chris Jose, Battalion 2ic, acted as senior Battalion host here with the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire flanked by Poacher subalterns

Despite weeks of planning the weather conspired against us, and so it was that with a forecast for very heavy rain all day the Area 2 Regimental Secretary had to make radical changes to the planned venue of the Sir Alastair Cook Cricket Pavilion at Bedford School, and instead opt for the Erskine May Hall which provided a very good alternative.

Sure enough a deluge of rain persisted from late morning through until 9pm, so the entire event took place inside. Nevertheless, a Jackal and a Foxhound found their way from Kendrew Barracks to act as gate guardians outside the Hall, and a large contingent of members from D (Bedfs.Herts) Support Weapons Company set up stands inside the venue which proved very interesting to our guests.

Brigadier Olly Brown, former Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, was the senior Regimental host acting in his capacity of Deputy Colonel of the Regiment. Despite being held up as the M1 motorway was closed due to an accident along with many of our Hertfordshire guests, Brigadier Olly was able to host the large number of Lord Lieutenants and High Sheriffs present, and to give a speech outlining the Regiment's current situation. He also thanked the Governors and staff of Bedford School, and in particular those present on the night for their outstanding service and flexibility, considering the last-minute changes to venue and format.



(L-R) Geraldine Fernhally, High Sheriff of Rutland; Russel Beard, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire; Dr Sarah Furness, Lord Lt of Rutland; Robert Voss CBE, Lord Lt of Hertfordshire; Susan Lousada, Lord Lt of Bedfordshire; Liz Green, High Sheriff of Hertfordshire.

The British Army Band, Colchester, unable to perform a traditional sunset ceremony nevertheless did us proud with a stirring performance of popular tunes from the world of theatre and film before marching off to La Mandolinata (Bedfs.Herts Regimental March) followed by the Regimental Quick March, and for the 2nd Battalion the Lincolnshire Poacher.

Much thanks and praise has been expressed by our civic guests, and from the Association members from the Beds and Herts branches who attended for the enthusiastic way in which our soldiers explained their current roles and tasks and outlined their future aspirations.

## Talavera Gathering - Remembering the Past and Looking to the Future

The Royal Anglian Regiment gathered in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Northampton on a sunny afternoon on Saturday 29 July as part of its Talavera Day celebrations. An annual remembrance service was held, the congregation also witnessed the re-dedication of two memorial windows to our local predecessor, the Northamptonshire Regiment.

The windows, which commemorate service in India and the First Boer War in the late nineteenth century, have been restored by the Saint Sepulchre's Restoration Trust after a considerable fund-raising effort, with 120 year-old stonework and lead replaced and the glass thoroughly cleaned.

The service was attended by the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Mr James Saunders Watson and his wife Lizzie, the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland Dr Sarah Furness, the County Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment Colonel Robert Blomfield, Chairman of West Northamptonshire Council John Shephard, Chair of North Northamptonshire Council Barbara Jenney, Vice-Chair of Rutland County Council Samantha Harvey, Sir Michael Ellis MP for Northampton North, the Mayor of Northampton Stephen Hibbert and Mayoress Liz Cox, Councillor Paul Ainsley, Armed Forces Champion of Oakham Town Council, Trustees of the Restoration Trust, veterans of the Regimental Association and standards of the Royal British Legion from both counties.



Also in attendance were Brigadier Richard Lyne, Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment, and officers and soldiers of the 2nd Battalion from Kendrew Barracks Cottesmore led by their Commanding

Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ben Hawes. Also, Cadets from A Company, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland Army Cadet Force led by their Officer Commanding, Major Jordan Peplow. Brooke Weston Academy CCF was also represented, and Major Andrew Huxter, Contingent Commander Uppingham School CCF, read a lesson.



Brigadier Rich Lyne, who is our Regimental Colonel of Cadets, Addresses Northampton Cadets

The re-dedication was made by Bishop Andrew Proud Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Peterborough, and the service led by The Reverend Tom Wilde, Chaplain to 2 Royal Anglian. The Band of The Royal Anglian Regiment played throughout, and there was tea & cake for all afterwards.

The link with Rutland is the 58th Foot, the old Rutlandshire Regiment, which amalgamated with the 48th or Northamptonshires to form the 2nd Battalion of the new Northamptonshire Regiment in 1881. In 1964 the Northampton joined with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment to become the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The presence of so many young Cadets added to the poignancy of the occasion. CCF and ACF Cadets provided the Guard of Honour and laid two wreaths during the service. Afterward, they were all addressed by Brigadier Lyne in his role as Colonel Cadets for the Royal Anglian Regiment. He said "It was brilliant to see so many Cadets on parade and taking such an important part in today's events. There is no doubt there is great mutual benefit in the different generations of the Army family coming together, and our Regimental family is rightly proud of the Cadets who wear our cap badge. An event like this represents a fusion of past, present and future. It is inspirational to see young people so enthusiastic about participating with the modern Army and contributing to its future while still engaging with the history of their forebears."

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# 1st Battalion (The Vikings)

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## The Sunsets on a Successful Cyprus Deployment for the Vikings

In July, the Battalion's main effort has been the arms plot move from Alexander Barracks in Dhekelia to Kendrew Barracks in Cottesmore, after our two year tour. The Battalion has had seventeen previous semi-permanent residential bases, four of them were operational tours: one in Aden and three in Northern Ireland. From the thirteen that were not operational tours, the Battalion conducted fifteen operational tours in Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan. The intention is for Kendrew Barracks to be the new permanent home for the Battalion as a Security Force Assistance Battalion, so this really is a new chapter.



As we reflect on our Cyprus tour, recent activities have included Ops Commitments, in Cyprus and Bahrain, support to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and Queen's Dragoon Guards exercises in Oman and Kuwait and most recently Op POLAR BEAR, supporting the evacuation from Sudan. And a Company Group has recently returned from exercises in Belize. The Battalion has been runners-up in the Army Boxing. As well as all the military training and deployments, the Battalion has played a full part in life in Cyprus, and will look back on the tour with happy memories.

Ahead of the Battalion is re-subordination to II Brigade, the Security Force Assistance (SFA) Brigade and restructuring to the SFA role for tasks in Europe. Warning Orders have already been received for training Ukrainian Armed Forces and for two overseas tasks. The Battalion is looking forward to all the challenges in the new chapter, and of living and working closely with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.

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## 2nd Battalion (The Poachers)

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At the end of July, the Battalion is taking four weeks of well-earned leave. And the run in to our Summer leave has been as busy as ever. The major event, of course was the Battalion deployment to Oman from January to April with the last rear party elements returning in June.

Those involved in the Regiment's contribution to the Coronation took the quick change from hot desert training to temperate ceremonial parades in their stride. After leave the Battalion will focus on Ex Spring Storm in the Baltics, Project PARATUS with 300 vehicles at very short notice to move, and Ex Wessex Storm. We are looking forward to welcoming the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion to Kendrew Barracks, and to working closely with them.





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# 3rd Battalion (The Steelbacks)

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## Gibraltar Command Study Weekend



3 Royal Anglian personnel took part in the Gibraltar Study Weekend over the 21 – 23 July 23 at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks in Grantham, Lincolnshire. The first part of the weekend was divided into a junior ranks command cadre with soldiers revising battle procedures, combat estimate and order, and the Officers and Seniors revising the 7 questions. We also welcomed four soldiers from our German army Reserve exchange Battalion: Einsatz I. Saturday culminated in an all-Ranks dinner in the Grantham Officers Mess with the Guest of Honour being Brigadier Richard Lyne and his wife Tara.



Brigadier Richard was presented with a statuette on his retirement after 36 years of service. The Battalion also dined out: Captain Jason Murphy, Warrant Officer Second Class Duncan Beard, Warrant Officer Second Class Wayne Sheils, Colour Sergeant Thomas Power, Staff Sergeant Tim Mosey and Sergeant Lance Flower. During the dinner we were entertained by a quintet from the 3 R ANGLIAN Band. Sunday saw the conclusion of the Command Cadre and whilst the seniors played potted sports.

## ADVENTURE TRAINING

Soldiers from across 3 Royal Anglian took part in fore days of Adventure Training in the Peak District. Based at the Leslie Johnson Centre in Warslow. The participants took part in two days of Mountain Biking, a day of Walking, and a day of Rock Climbing.

Mountain Biking was situated, on day one, in the Derwent and Ladybower Reservoirs areas of the Peak District. Both reservoirs are famous for the role they played in practicing Royal Air Force crews for the World War Two Dambuster raids. The Second day of Mountain Biking was centred around Hathersage and the Stanage Edge fells.



WO2 Mark Lappin with the Mountain Bikers in the Peak District National Park

Hill Walking followed the Trespass Route from Bowden Bridge car park near Hayfield, through past the Kinder Reservoir, then a gradual climb up Williams Clough onto Kinder Scout on a loop passing Kinder Downfall and Kinder Low, back to the Bridge. The RSM, WO1 George joined us for the days walk.

Rock climbing took place on The Roaches just North of Leek, Staffordshire. This was the first time our newly qualified Rock-Climbing Supervisor, Lance Corporal Abi Hurrell had supervised a group and it was good to have new, younger, and more enthusiastic member in the Adventure Training Team.

### Through The Door With - Exercise Tigers Breach

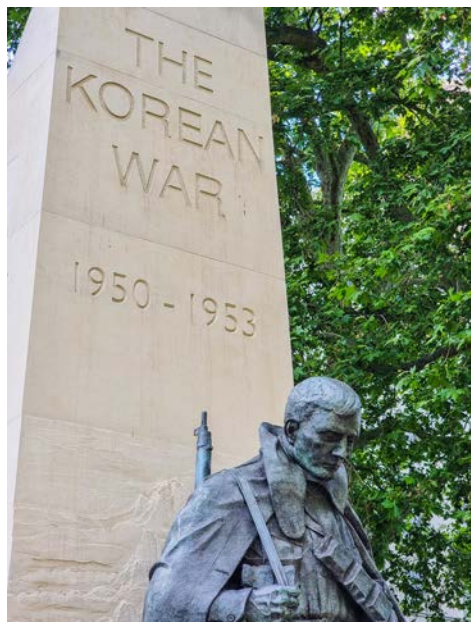


2 Company were the lead for Ex Tiger's Breach over the weekend of the 14 – 16 Jul 23, which was attended by 56 service personnel from across 3 Royal Anglian. The Exercise was conducted at the Urban Training Centre at Merville Barracks, Colchester and practiced the soldiers in urban assault tactics including door drills (fighting from the doorway and clearance of the doorway before gaining entry), and stoppage drills. This final phase included the introduction of Simunition Rounds and bringing a force-on-force element to improve battlefield discipline. The lessons learnt from the force-on-force element was that it brought a level of hesitancy with soldiers freezing in doorways or on corners and that soldiers must commit on their violence of actions.



# Our Regimental Heritage

## The 70th Anniversary of the Korean War - 25 June 1950 - 27 July 1953



### Extract from our Regimental History<sup>1</sup> covering the Korean War

In 1951 two of our forebear Regiments, The 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment and The 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment went to a war which was unlike any war in history – a war fought for freedom against Communism by a bewildering miscellany of nationalities: Americans, British, Australians, Canadians, Frenchman, Belgians, Turks, Greeks, Filipinos, Thailanders, Puerto Ricans, Ethiopians, New Zealanders, South Africans, Indians.

The Battalions bore little resemblance to the pre-war and wartime model: many officers and senior N.C.Os were no strangers to war, and there was a sprinkling of young regulars who had enlisted since 1945.

But the large majority – something over 60 per cent – were Royal Norfolks and Royal Leicestershires of an entirely new type: they were in the British Army because the Government decreed that they should be; they were old enough to kill or be killed, but too young to vote; before sailing to Korea they had but the haziest idea where the country was or what the war being fought there was about. These were the new controversial military hybrids, the National Servicemen; they went out to Korea as boys, and those that returned came back as men.

For the men of the Battalions there were all the less glamorous chores of modern warfare – endless digging and wiring, for in close proximity to a determined enemy work on defensive positions was never finished. There was the continuous nerve-racking routine of patrols in the 5,000 yards of No Man's Land – fighting patrols, reconnaissance patrols, ambush patrols. And there was always sporadic shelling and mortaring; the World War Two Norfolks and Leicestershires dismissed this contemptuously as being nothing worse than of nuisance value, but the shells took a steady toll of casualties.

When summer came the weather changed from freezing misery to sultry heat and drenching rain – roads became churning nightmares of mud; bunkers and bridges collapsed.

In the summer and autumn of 1952 there were very few major operations at Battalion or even company level. For it had become essentially a subaltern's war – hardly a day or night passed without a platoon clash, an ambush, a brisk fight in No Man's Land.

Casualties were not light. Many members of our forbear Regiments were decorated for their gallantry. Korea 1951-1952 was the last Battle Honour awarded to the Royal Norfolk Regiment and the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, and is carried today on our Regimental Colours. *Footnotes: This article, with minor amendments is from: The Royal Norfolk Regiment by Tom Carew. Hamish Hamilton 1967.*

## 21st Century Royal Anglian Soldier Project Arrives at Landguard Fort

Landguard Fort Museum at Felixstowe on the Suffolk coast has become the latest museum to accept a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Royal Anglian Soldier exhibit. The C2I project aims to link our own regimental history to the historical narrative of our forbear regiments, in this case the Suffolk Regiment and the East Anglian Regiment. Both regiments garrisoned the impressive coastal fort at different times in their history.



The centrepiece of the exhibit is a life-size mannequin, dressed and equipped as a contemporary Royal Anglian Soldier. In addition, there is a pull-up banner which displays a narrative linking the history of the forbear regiments, and linking forward to today's Royal Anglian Regiment, and in this case to B (Suffolk) Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in particular. The narrative and the mannequin are in turn complimented with an audio-visual unit that displays our series of Royal Anglian films.

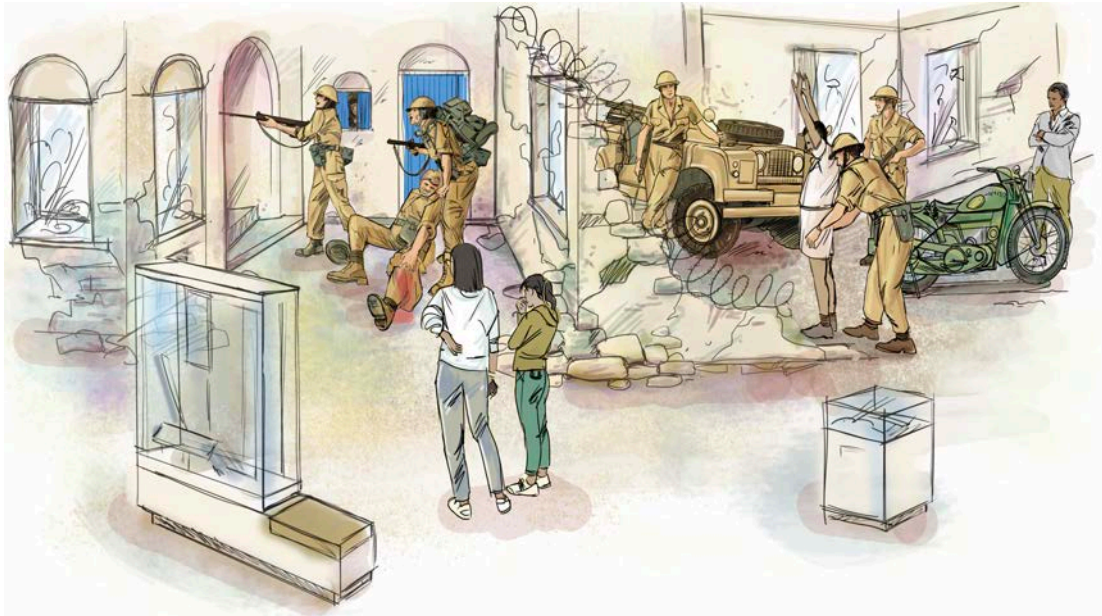
Deputy Regt Sec, Major Mike Peters On Handing Over the C2I Soldier

A further 2 C2I Soldiers are scheduled for delivery to the Essex Regiment Museum at Chelmsford, and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Museum at Wardown House in Luton. The two new exhibits will link their historical narratives to C (Essex) Coy, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, and D (Bedfs. Herts) Coy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. They will both be in place before the end of August.

Looking ahead to further Regt heritage outreach activity, a survey is currently underway at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life in Lincoln. It is hoped that the timeline of the existing Royal Lincolnshire Regiment gallery can be extended. The addition of a C2I Royal Anglian Soldier exhibition focused on A (Lincolnshire) Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion maintaining our strong bonds with our forbear regiment, and the county.

## Our Regimental Museum - Future Plans

Our museum's 25 year lease for its gallery in Land Warfare is due to expire in 2025. By happy coincidence, this is when Land Warfare is due to be demolished as part of the masterplan for the exciting redevelopment of IWM Duxford.



Our museum has been offered a new site in the hanger currently known as *Airspace*, which is due to be redeveloped as a new exhibition called *Post WW2 and Cold War Conflict*. For a regiment formed in the 1960s with experience of most of the operations in this period, we think this is a very good fit. One of the reasons our current museum had so many visitors is because it is in Land Warfare, a major attraction, closely connected in every way to the museum of an infantry regiment. We think this will also be true in our proposed new home, *Post WW2 and Cold War Conflict*. Negotiations are at an early stage and we are looking forward to working closely with the IWM to develop a world class regimental museum, closely integrated within the IWMs proposed new *Post WW2 and Cold War Conflict*. We will keep you posted.



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# Regimental Appointments

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## Colonel of the Regiment.

Lieutenant General Sir Ralph Wooddisse KCB CBE MC is due to hand over to Major General Dom Biddick MBE MC on 01 Sep 23.

## Deputy Colonel of the Regiment.

Major General Dom Biddick MBE MC is due to hand over to Brigadier Guy Foden on 01 Sep 23.

## Command Board 2023

Major Nick McGinley is selected to command our 1st Battalion, taking over from Lt Col Adie Thompson.

Lt Col Gavin Hudson is selected to command the Birmingham University Officer Training Corps.

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# London Gazette

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The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 10th July 2023:

**The following have been awarded to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):**

Cpl D A Call 30031466

Pte Z E R Mwinjilo 30030635

Cpl J D Osborne 30031451

**The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) with 2 Clasps:**

Lt Col R J Clements OBE 510295

**The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) with 1 Clasp:**

Lt Col R J Bredin MBE 563506

**The following have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military):**

CSgt T F Cashman 30035252

Maj C J Duncalfe 25178314

Maj T G Hearne 566090

**The following entries relevant to the Regiment were listed in The London Gazette dated 17 July 23:**

Captain B Humphreys 30137201 retires 6 March 2023

Second Lieutenant J J G Peel 30356494 to be Lieutenant 15 April 2023

Second Lieutenant O P White 30276006 to be Lieutenant 15 April 2023

**The following entries relevant to the Regiment were in The London Gazette dated 24 July 2023:**

Lieutenant ( Acting Captain ) J R Bamford 30312456 to be Captain 4 April 2023

Lieutenant C D Boffey – Rawlings 30227433 to be Captain 4 April 2023

Lieutenant O J Bremridge 30246322 to be Captain 4 April 2023

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## Regimental Bulletins Register

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**Regt Bulletins Issued Since The June 2023 Issue of RAN:**

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-042 - Notice Royal Anglian Annual Sponsored Chapel Service RH Chelsea

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-043 - Royal Anglian News - June 2023 Issue

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-044 - Notice, Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey - 9 Nov 2023

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-045 - Special Order of the Day - Salamanca Day 2 July 1812

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-046 - Death Notice - Gwynth Bissett, 6th Battalion, R ANGLIAN

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-047 - Special Order of the Day - Talavera Day 27 July 1809

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-048 - Special Order of the Day - Minden Day 1 August 1759

Regimental Bulletin Number 23-049 - Death Notice - Clive Malcolm Whitby, 1st Battalion, 2 Aug 23



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# Regimental Diary Dates

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## August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Minden Day (12<sup>th</sup> Foot)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sovereign's parade for CC223 – RMAS + Facebook livestream
- 13<sup>th</sup> Blenheim Day (10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Foot)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bedfordshire Association Blenheim Lunch - Kempston

## September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Regimental Foundation Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Regimental rugby event vs Rochford RUFC. For more info contact: [wilkie332@hotmail.com](mailto:wilkie332@hotmail.com)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Day at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford – All, past and present, warmly invited to attend.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial bench unveiling at Finedon, Northamptonshire
- 11<sup>th</sup> Opening of the National ACF Museum, Wisbech
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Norfolk Association Dinner
- 24<sup>th</sup> Royal Anglian Regiment sponsored chapel service at The Royal Hospital Chelsea – All, past and present, warmly invited to attend.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Association chapel service at Norwich Cathedral.

## October

- 14<sup>th</sup> 4/5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Late Entry Commissioning results published

## November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Council
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers' Club Annual Dinner at the Army Navy Club – All officers, past and present, welcome to attend
- 11<sup>th</sup> Leicester Tigers Rugby Club Armistice Event
- 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday Service at our memorial at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford – All, past and present welcome to attend
- 12<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Association's Memorial Cottages Service in Norwich
- 12<sup>th</sup> Association Contingent at Cenotaph
- 25<sup>th</sup> Commissioning Course Short parade at RMAS. Available to watch by Facebook Livestream
- 25<sup>th</sup> Regimental Autumn Band Concert in Grimsby

27<sup>th</sup> Sortie Day

## December

7<sup>th</sup> Charity Regimental Memorial Boxing event at Kendrew Barracks

9<sup>th</sup> Regimental Carol Service

15<sup>th</sup> Sovereigns Parade at Sandhurst for CC231 – RMAS + Facebook livestream

For more details and events please visit our website at: [royalanglianregiment.com](http://royalanglianregiment.com)

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# Our Regimental Association

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## Field of Remembrance Opening Ceremony - Westminster Abbey, 9 Nov 2023

The opening of the Field of Remembrance in the garden of Westminster Abbey will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1100 hrs. The Regiment will have its own Plot, supplemented with Badge Crosses for each of our forebear regiments. Unfortunately, the Royal British Legion has informed all RHQs that due to continuing building works in the Abbey precinct only 4 tickets will be issued to the Royal Anglian Regiment this year. It is with great regret that RHQ will therefore not be able to offer any more tickets due to the very limited numbers permitted to attend.

Our quota is for one Plot Guardian to stand in front of the Regimental Plot, and three general ticket holders. If you wish to apply for a general ticket or to be considered as Plot Guardian please forward your name to Major Tim Brown, Regimental Area 2 Secretary at [timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk](mailto:timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk)

## Cenotaph Veterans Parade – London, Whitehall, 12 Nov 2023



The Royal British Legion Cenotaph Veterans Parade in Whitehall will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Regiment has been allocated 40 tickets, of the 40 so far 20 have been requested so we still have plenty of space.

### Eligibility

- Ex-service Military and Civilian men and women from the UK and the Commonwealth that served the Crown.
- Wives, husbands or civil partners of those who died in service in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.
- A carer of a veteran requiring wheelchair assistance.

Carers will be allowed to accompany the veteran, as long as they themselves use one ticket allocation.

Those wishing to attend are to send the following details to [anne.godbolt100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:anne.godbolt100@mod.gov.uk) at the Area 2 Regimental Secretary's Office.

- Title / Rank
- First name
- Surname
- Service Number
- Bn Served with
- Campaign Medals

Timelines:

- 25 Aug 23 - All applications close.
- 30-31 Oct 23 – ETickets and instructions sent to participants.
- 12 Nov 23 - Event.

The Metropolitan Police will conduct individual security checks on participants, so ticket holders will need to bring photographic ID and proof of address with them for access to Horse Guards Parade.

We are also looking for someone to act as the Contingent Commander and Parade Marshall. If you are interested in this important role please send your name to the Area 2 Secretary, Major Tim Brown, [timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk](mailto:timothy.brown133@mod.gov.uk)

### **Veterans and Families take to the Air in Wiltshire!**

The rain held off long enough on Saturday 15 Jul to allow a group of 15 R ANGLIAN Veterans, families, and their dogs to visit the Boscombe Air Collection near Salisbury. This interactive collection allows visitors to seat in the cockpits (if they fit), play in the simulators and view a large collection of RFC, RAF and Fleet Air Arm planes. In an original hangar there was plenty to see in a dry environment and a chance for the veterans to look at the older aircraft from their eras.

This lovely day was supplemented by a stone oven baked pizza made by a veteran run company and washed down in the local micro-brewery close by where no brew has less than a 5.5 next to its name! An excellent afternoon with a lot of new faces ready and eager to get and meet each other. All in the week before the Regiment celebrate the Battle of Salamanca in 1812 another important date in the calendar. Again this would not be possible without the generous support of RHQ and the team so once again thank you.

If you have any ideas for future events and would like to organise one then please contact WO2 Richard 'Mole' Stevens on [richard.stevens781@mod.gov.uk](mailto:richard.stevens781@mod.gov.uk)



### Minden Day at the Keep

30 July - Veterans of the Suffolk Regiment and the Royal Anglian Regiment held their annual commemoration of Minden Day on Sunday at The Keep, Gibraltar Barracks, Risbygate, Bury St Edmunds. The annual event was attended by the Mayor, Councillor Diane Hind, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Donna Higgins.

There was a march past by veterans of both regiments with the regiment's colours and standards of the Suffolk Associations on parade, and the salute was taken by the Mayor and Association President Brigadier (Retired) AJK Calder OBE DL. Suffolk veteran and former war correspondent and independent MP Martin Bell (84) once again marched at the front of the parade.

As well as the county associations the reunion also included the Old Coldstream Corps of Drums, the Glenmoriston Pipe Band, the city of Ely Band, historical military vehicles, stalls and family attractions.

“A great day for our military veterans, families and the people of Bury to get together,” said Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Mark Wenham one of the event organisers and the incoming President of the Association. “Minden Day is a special occasion for the Regiment and one that we are delighted to share with the town.”

The Suffolk Regiment Museum was also open on the day and the curator Claire Wallace and her team of volunteers were kept busy with visitors for the whole day. Photographs for Vinnie King & Trevor Baker.



The Battle of Minden was a major engagement during the Seven Years' War, fought on 1 August 1759. An Anglo-German army under the overall command of Prussian Field Marshal Ferdinand of Brunswick defeated a French army commanded by Marshal of France, Marquis de Contades. The Suffolk Regiment, then the 12th Regiment of Foot, passed through German gardens on their way to battle and picked roses that were placed in their headdress, a tradition that is still maintained on Minden Day.

