



## **ALL RANKS REUNION CARLISLE 13th, 14th and 15th May 2011**

### **From Dave Israel via Facebook**

Both Friday 13th and Saturday 14th are going to be well attended and should be a success, people are travelling from all over the world to be with Kings own Border Regimental family, a few beers will be had, stories told and memories shared

### **The Regimental thanks giving service in the Cathedral Carlisle**

I would now like to remind you that Sunday the 15th of May is a great way to show your support to our armed services and in particular The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment who served with distinction in Afghanistan last year but sadly had a number of soldiers seriously injured or killed. and to all those soldiers of Kings Own Border who served with pride, died in action or are sadly no longer with us.

Dress is optional berets & medals & regimental ties can be worn. Most people choose to do this. If you can dig out your old beret from the attic and wear it that would be great, but if you decide to wear your jeans and a tee shirt that is good enough. This is not about the dress code but about pride in your service with Kings Own Border our friendships and memories.

### **Sunday Church Service in the Cathedral, Curry lunch, and parade.**

A detailed list of timings is published below but we start at 12:15.

The parade will march from the Castle to the Cathedral and return after the service. Marching music will be played by the Kings Division Band and all ex members and officers are invited to fall in and march, with pride. I have again asked Ex RSM Graham Prince to take our part of the parade which he has agreed.

This is an opportunity to pay tribute to our fallen and The Regiment. And also march behind our regimental standards, and most importantly the replica Battalion colours which have been specially made and bought by ex WOs & Sgts mess members (for us all). They have kindly agreed that this is a fitting occasion when they ought be used. The original Colours are laid up in Carlisle.

Last year ex members of our Regiment paraded and there was almost a full company of men. Ex RSM Graham Prince made last years parade a fitting conclusion to a fantastic weekend. It was done with a lot of tongue in cheek & laughter, but most of all with pride. I know of people who are unable to attend the Friday and Saturday events due to work commitments but will be travelling to attend this parade.

So please tell your friends to bring their family and come along and join in. If you cannot march because of illness you are welcome to fall in when the parade halts back on the square in the castle. Graham will call you forward to squeeze in

amongst your friends PLEASE DO THIS . What ever you do come along and get some photographs.

It is unlikely at this stage that any members of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, Regulars or TA plus ACF will be on parade due to commitments, and therefore this will be our parade.

This will be a very unique parade, as it will be the first time for our replica colours to have been shown on parade since the original Colours were laid up some years ago.

### **Timings**

We will gather in the castle timings below.

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| <b>12:15 - 12:30</b> | Parade Form Up and brief Graham Prince- Castle           |
| <b>12:35 - 12:40</b> | Parade Steps Off - March to Cathedral - Castle/Cathedral |
| <b>13:00 - 13:45</b> | Cathedral Service – Cathedral                            |
| <b>13:45 - 13:50</b> | Parade Form Up - March Back to Castle - Cathedral/Castle |
| <b>14:00 - 14:15</b> | Salute taken by Col A Dennis ) – Castle                  |
| <b>14:15 - 15:15</b> | Curry Lunch (Burma Block) – Castle                       |
| <b>14:15 - 21:00</b> | Meeting Place Lion & Dragon Bar – Castle                 |

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch via Facebook.

Regards

Dave Israel