

FALKLANDS WAR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

PROJECT SCOPE

Start date 11th August 2021

1 Overview

Project background and description

- This event is to commemorate the Falklands War of 1982 in which Great Britain defeated Argentina during a campaign that lasted only 74 days but brought about the death of more than 250 British Servicemen and 3 civilian women. This event will remember and honour those heroes whose lives were lost during bloody conflict.
- In 1982, the Falklands War was the result of the Argentine invasion of the British-owned Falkland Islands when on April 2nd, 1982, Argentine forces landed in the Falklands, capturing the islands two days later.
- The British government in Westminster responded by despatching a naval and amphibious task force to the area. The Falkland Islands are more than 8,000 miles from Great Britain and it took more than 3 weeks for the fleet to get to the South Atlantic, which they did on May 2nd.
- After several intensive naval and aerial battles fought around the Falklands, British troops landed on East Falkland on May 21st. After this, fighting against a large and well dug in but conscripted Argentinian Army took place across the Island and after several weeks began the battle for the islands' capital, Stanley, that surrendered on June 14th, effectively ending the conflict. Following the British liberation of the islands' capital, Port Stanley, and the surrender of Argentine forces in the Falklands. The British declared a formal end to military activity on June 20th.
- This is also an opportunity for the Freedom of the City to be awarded to the Royal Naval Association (RNA) and the Royal Marines Association (RMA). Portsmouth being the home of the Royal Navy, which includes the Royal Marines is Portsmouth and it would be appropriate for this honour to be awarded to both organisations at the same time.

Appendix 1

- In 1946 the RMA was formed as a membership organisation to provide comradeship, support and advice to serving and retired Royal Marines, their families and to maintain close links to the Corps.
- In 1954, the RNA was formed by Royal Charter but traces its history back before the Second World War. The RNA is the largest of the Naval Old Comrades Association and is primarily based in branches where there over 250 in the UK and overseas and over 11,000 members worldwide.

2. Project Scope - *TIMINGS HAVE YET TO BE AGREED EXCEPT THE CRITICAL TIME OF 11:00 FOR A MINUTES SILENCE*

- Parade of Falklands Veterans to take place on Sunday 19th June 2022
- Veterans will form up adjacent to the INIOS building
- Veterans will march with Standards leading the Parade
- The Falklands flag will follow the Parade, possibly being held by a member of the Falkland Island Legislator
- The new Falklands memorial will be unveiled

3. High Level Requirements

- Request for Royal visit, through the Lord Lieutenant
- Invitation to the Falklands Island Legislature
- Invitation to all those who are Falklands Veterans and still serving
- Invitation to all Falklands Veterans to participate in the march-past and their families to attend
- Invitation to senior Royal Navy Officers/Army and Royal Air Force
- Book cathedral for memorial service and refreshments
- Public address system
- Field Gun from HMS Collingwood
- Inform INEOS management team
- Event management plan
- Security arrangements
- Presentation to PESAG

4. Deliverables

- Veteran & RM Band form up adjacent to the Ineos building

Appendix 1

- Lord lieutenant/Royal/ 1st Sea Lord Civic guests meet at the Square Tower
- RM Band lead the March off followed by Standard Bearers, Veterans and Falklands Flag bearer.
- Parade forms up in front of the Falklands Memorial and stand at ease
- Speech by senior person about the new Falklands Memorial
- Parade comes to attention
- Memorial unveiled
- Minutes silence started by Field Gun within the Sally Port
- RM Bugler to end the silence with Last Post followed by Reveille
- Parade stand at ease
- Presentation of Freedom Scrolls by senior person and short speeches
- Senior person is escorted to an area adjacent to the statue of Lord Nelson
- Parade is then marched past and salute
- Parade move to the Cathedral for a service of remembrance followed by refreshments

5. Affected Parties impacted by the event

- Old Portsmouth residents
- Square Tower
- QHM - for information
- INEOS building
- Traffic Management plan
- Local businesses
 - Bus companies
 - Taxi companies
 - Cafés
 - Fishermen
 - Portsmouth Sailing Club
 - Sea Scouts
 - All local public houses
- St Thomas's Cathedral

6. Budget *TBA*

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