

Royal Air Forces Association
Branch Secretary

22 July 2013

Dear Branch Secretary,

THE 2013 SILVER JUBILEE BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TATTOO – 30 NOVEMBER AND 1 DECEMBER 2013

The RAF Association has been given a wonderful opportunity this year to put itself in the spotlight at the Silver Jubilee Birmingham International Military Tattoo which will be held over 2 days at the National Indoor Arena on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December 2013. As the Association's Project Officer for this event, I write to seek your support so that together we can shout loud and proud in our 70th Anniversary year.

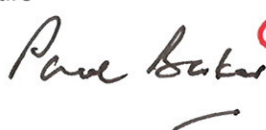
Billed as a 'Salute to RAFA' an opportunity exists to get as many of our Branch Standard Bearers in the Arena, parading to musical accompaniment from the RAF Music Services Regiment Band, as well as taking part in displays from the Air Cadet Organisation and the Opening/Closing ceremonies. The Arena seats 10,000 so this may give you a sense of occasion. Tattoo performances will last 3 hours (1900hrs to 2200hrs on Saturday and 1400hrs to 1700hrs on Sunday).

My request therefore is two-fold:

- Tickets for this event are retailing at £25, however, we have secured an allocation for our Branches and Members at £15 (a proportion of which is kept for the Wings Appeal). Tickets are available at Central Headquarters by calling Rishi Sheth on 0116-2688785, where you can make a credit card payment. However, we need to up our game and reach out to Branches who may wish to take on a block booking. Please do all you can to galvanise a positive response. You'll find a proforma enclosed which invites you to indicate how many tickets are required along with a supporting cheque made payable to 'RAFA'. A credit card payment would be easier to administer and would result in a greater chance of securing particular seats. Please note – Standard Bearers will be given free entry as 'performers'.
- One endearing image at this year's Tattoo will be the massed ranks of RAF Association Standard Bearers and it is our hope we can secure the services of at least 80 in number. This is a huge task but the effect will be dazzling. Given there are 2 performances and a rehearsal period, I am able to offer a £60 contribution for overnight accommodation for Branch Standard Bearers. They will still need to make their own arrangements but safe in the knowledge that the Association can help out a little. Please indicate on the enclosed form whether your Branch Standard Bearer is willing to participate.

The Finance Department at CHQ will co-ordinate your responses and you are invited to return the proforma to Mr Rishi Sheth, Membership Administrator, Royal Air Forces Association Central Headquarters, 117½ Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5ND. Tickets will be issued as required. Many thanks in anticipation and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to clarify the detail.

Yours



Celebrating 70 Years 1943-2013



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NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA

30 NOVEMBER AND 1 DECEMBER 2013

RAF Association.....Branch requests a total of(quantity)
tickets at £15 per ticket for the Birmingham International Military Tattoo:

Saturday performance (30 November) commencing at 1900hrs.....quantity tickets
and/or

Sunday performance (1 December) commencing at 1400hrs.....quantity tickets

Please delete as appropriate

A cheque for £..... made payable to 'RAFA' is enclosed.

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RAF Association.....Branch Standard Bearer wishes to
Parade the Branch Standard and is happy to do so at both performances. The Standard
Bearer understands he/she will be contacted in due course to discuss a detailed programme.

Branch Standard Bearer Name.....
Contact Telephone number.....
Contact E-mail address.....

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This proforma is to be returned to:

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