

SINGAPORE

Sandbag

The Great War Centenary Dinner *1914 - 2014*

Eden Hall
Friday 2nd May 2014

"May the Union Jack fly here forever"

(..inscription at the bottom of the flagpole at Eden Hall)



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1914 - 2014

World War I ~ 100th Anniversary Dinner

Centenary Dinner 2014

On Friday 2nd May 2014 Sandbag will be marking the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the start of the First World War by remembering the enormous sacrifices made. More than 70 million military personnel were involved; 9 million killed, 20 million wounded, 7 million missing or unidentified. Lest We Forget.



We hope you can join us:

Date

The evening will take place on Friday 2nd May 2014 at 7pm.

Venue

The British High Commissioner's Residence, Eden Hall, Nassim Road, Singapore.

Dress

Black Tie or Mess Kit (miniatures - optional).

Ticket Application

The Great War Centenary Dinner



Application

Allocation will be on a first-come first-served basis on receipt of payment.

Cost

\$150 per person.

Payment

Please make cheques (only) payable to 'M Saunders'.

Address

Post cheques to: Mick Saunders, Defence Section, British High Commission Singapore, 100 Tanglin Road, Singapore 247919

Service, Regt. Corps, Unit

Please indicate on your return the unit or service you served with if applicable.

Space

As space is very limited due to the building layout unfortunately the evening is restricted to Sandbaggers only (no partners)

Timings

Allocation will be on a first-come first-served basis on receipt of payment.

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About us

Sandbag was formed a few years back by likeminded ex-service personnel.

It has grown and become a group consisting of 'ex' or 'serving' service personnel based in Singapore and across Asia, to meet, chat, share experiences and simply 'pull up a sandbag' together.



Commonwealth and Allied Nations

Although originated from a British core, members now come from Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America, as well as several other allied nations.



All Ranks

Sandbag members are both men and women, who come from all ranks of all services. Members cover the full spectrum of trades and skills of the forces with age ranges from 30 to 60+!!

British High Commission

We are generously supported by the British High Commission here and our Patron is the Defence Advisor based in Singapore.

Sandbaggers are recognised and invited Associate members of the British High Commission bar in Singapore (Crown and Anchor). Please feel free to contact us to apply for membership.



Tri-Service

Our membership comes from the Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force, both regular and reserve.

In addition we also have former UK and Royal Hong Kong Police officers who have given service to their country and share common values.



Membership

We are over 300 strong and growing. Sandbaggers come from across Asia including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, China, NZ and Australia. Currently the mix of service backgrounds are around 40% Army, 40% Navy, 17% RM, 3% RAF.

As you would expect our members come from a wide background of industries from banking, financial services, recruitment, legal, medical, offshore, maritime, defence, security, media, food and beverage, etc, etc. You name it we do it.



SANDBAGGERS IN SINGAPORE



70th Anniversary Remembrance Dinner

In 2012 His Excellency Antony Phillipson hosted an evening for Sandbaggers at his residence Eden Hall with VIP's flying in from around the region, raising over \$3,000 at the Remembrance Dinner.

Christmas Dinner

In 2012 the British Defence Advisor to Singapore hosted a Christmas Dinner at his residence for over 80 Sandbaggers and guests with a guest of honour talk given by Major General Mungo Melvin.

Monthly 'Pub' Nights

Every month an informal gathering of odds and sods meet to discuss nonsense and put the world to right at various bars and watering holes around Singapore. It is all forgotten by next morning of course...

Remembrance Sunday

Sandbaggers lay a 'Sandbag' wreath at the Kranji War Memorial in Singapore at the annual Remembrance Servc. Many members, family and friends travel to be here at this very moving morning service.

Curry and Quiz

We hold a yearly quiz and curry night held at the British High Commission's 'Crown and Anchor' bar in with Sandbaggers, friends, guests, UKTI and FCO staff. Membership of the Crown and Anchor is open to any Sandbagger.

Changi Walk

Over 100 people including the Singapore Gurkha Police, Royal Marines detachment Diago Garcia, Singapore Cricket Club, and Tanglin Trust School joined Sandbaggers to walk 25km from the Padang to Changi Jail raising \$7,000.

Charity Night

In November 2013 over 200 Sandbaggers held a Christmas Gala Evening raising \$15,000. They were privileged to be joined by Mr Mark Ormrod who gave an inspirational talk. Mark is a former Royal Marine who was the first British triple amputee injured during the Afghanistan conflict on Christmas Eve 2007.

Give back

As well as having a good time any monies raised go back to help those likeminded people who were not so fortunate. We have raised money for The Royal British Legion, The Gurkha Welfare Trust, The Royal Marines Association and Help For Heroes look after serving, ex-Service and their dependents.

Eden Hall Annual Sandbag Dinner

Remembrance Dinners

Every year the Sandbaggers are invited and hosted by His Excellency, The British High Commissioner Mr Antony Phillipson at his residence Eden Hall to remember, celebrate and honour their colleagues. This 'Mess Night' is the formal highlight of the year for the Sandbaggers and a chance to meet and formally remember and recognise those who have served their country.



Sponsorship and Donations



Sponsorship or Donations

The Remembrance Dinner will raise money for two relevant charities close to our hearts.

If interested to help such worthy causes please do get in touch. Remember anything no matter how small from \$100 to \$1000 will be much appreciated by someone somewhere.

Some possible ideas are:

Sponsor a Table

Sponsor Pipes and Drums

Sponsor Dessert

Sponsor Port, Whiskey etc

Sponsor Speakers

...or any other suitable ideas



Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion provides welfare to the whole Armed Forces family - serving, ex-Service and their dependents. The Royal British Legion also campaigns on issues affecting Service people.

The Royal British Legion is the custodian of Remembrance, run the Poppy Appeal and is one of the UK's largest membership organisations.



It's about 'the blokes': those men and women of our Armed Forces who have been wounded in the service of our country since 9/11.

'Money in, money out'. H4H pride themselves on their 'Money In and Money Out' policy that ensures that every penny raised is spent or allocated to the direct, practical support of our men and women of the Armed Forces whose lives are affected in the line of duty.

H4H provides direct, practical support for our wounded. H4H fund projects and initiatives that make a real difference to the lives of our wounded heroes.



Thank You



Any monies raised will go to RBL and H4H

Help us to Help them

So far we have raised over \$40,000 towards helping support service personnel and their families who have helped serve their countries. Please continue to help us to help support them.

Thank you.



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