

Kiel Canal (Sehestedt) 2019



The 45th Anniversary of the death of six soldiers drowned in the Kiel Canal during the parachute insertion of 15 PARA Group during Exercise BOLD GUARD is on the 11th of September 2019. On the 20th, 25th and 40th Anniversaries of this event fifty plus members of the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces have attended the Service of Remembrance that has been held in the village of Sehestedt, near the ill-fated DZ, every year since this tragic event.

A number of people have shown an interest in attending the service this year, so this is a Warning Order for the occasion. The local population will hold a ceremony at the Commemorative Monument, which was erected in 1975 at 6pm on Wednesday 11th September, and those from the UK will join them.

There will be a reception afterwards and dependent on numbers, and the length of time people are planning to stay,

opportunities for further social occasions around the actual 11th September date may develop.

In the past it was possible to organise accommodation centrally in a nearby military barracks but this will now have to be done by individuals or in groups. There are quite a few B&Bs in the village and the surrounding area. There is also hotel accommodation in the town of Rendsburg (about 5 Km from Sehestedt). A list of these will be made available for those expressing an interest in attending.

Travel is normally by air to Hamburg (there are flights from Edinburgh) and individuals/groups would organise this themselves. Cars can be hired at the airport or from Kiel (there is a bus link from Hamburg Airport to Kiel) that is about 12 Km from Sehestedt.

The 11th of September 2019 falls on a Wednesday so you should look at how long you wish to stay and the availability of flights to Hamburg.



Anyone wishing to attend should get in touch with
Jim Carey (caces@hotmail.com)
or **Hugh McGarvey (hughmgarvey@live.co.uk)**

Final details will be available at the end of March 2019.
It will be necessary to supply names to the organisers of the reception
of those attending in due course.