

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

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## BRANCH CIRCULAR 12/19

To: All Branch Secretaries  
NEC Members

20th March 2019

Dear Colleague,

### OP BANNER 50 – 14 AUGUST 2019

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The Royal British Legion has announced plans to host a commemorative event at 14:00 on Wednesday 14 August 2019 to mark the 50th anniversary of the UK Armed Forces' deployment on operations in Northern Ireland – the longest continuous operation in British military history.

The event will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum, home of the Armed Forces Memorial.

#### **Event registration and accreditation**

Please note that the event will be a closed, accredited event.

Invitations and accreditation will be managed using a similar process to the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.

#### **Invite process**

To attend, individuals must have been awarded the GSM (NI) (or civilian equivalent in the case of the emergency services).

Please send details of your nominations to [depceo@narpo.org](mailto:depceo@narpo.org) by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

The nominations must include the following information to enable us to complete the online electronic application process:

***Title/Rank***

***First Name (this must be the name on photo ID)***

***Last Name***

***Date of Birth (please use the format DD/MM/YYYY)***

***Place of Birth***

***First line of address***

**Town**

**Postcode**

**Military number (where applicable)**

For verification purposes your details will be shared with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Civilian Services Contingent.

Tickets will be sent via email in the final week of July.

Please visit the British Legion website <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/op-banner-50/> for more information and event FAQs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Lees", is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Alan Lees

Deputy Chief Executive Officer