

# BOMBER COMMAND ASSOCIATION

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Dear Supporter,

As you will be aware the Bomber Command Memorial is under construction in The Green Park. After far too many years, and an awful lot of hard work by a very dedicated group of people, there will be a Memorial in the heart of London commemorating the 55,573 Bomber Command personnel who gave their lives for our freedom in The Second World War.

Many of you have written asking about plans for the Dedication and Unveiling and I hope that you received a reply from the small Memorial Co-ordination Team assisting Douglas and Vivienne with planning for the event.

We are planning both a Dedication (of the Memorial) and Unveiling (of the Sculpture) to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2012. We write now to find out a bit more about you and ascertain whether you are hoping to attend the event. Please excuse the standard letter format for those of you who have already written but we need one system in place.

Please understand that ticketing will be required and that the area which is in view of the Memorial is limited by sloping ground and surrounding trees. Not everyone, therefore, will be able to be seated in view of the Memorial. The Board's intent is that priority is given to Association members who are Bomber Command veterans of World War Two, those closely related to the 55,573 and those who are Association members. At this stage we really do not know how many guests to expect including a number from overseas. We intend to make sure that those who travel long distances from around the world are given due consideration on the day.

As for the event there is still some detail to be determined. The intention is for a Service at Noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 which will last about an hour and after which there will be time to lay wreaths. You will need to be in Green Park quite a bit earlier for security checks although we do not have an exact time at present. We plan to have some shelter from inclement weather available for the event but it is unlikely that the seating area will be fully covered. We expect to have additional areas available close by where those who cannot be seated beside the Memorial can watch the event on large screens and participate alongside serving members of the RAF and other friends of the Memorial. Since those seated beside the Memorial will only be able to take one guest into this area you may wish to apply for tickets to the additional area so that your friends and family can join you on the day.

Please can you take some time to complete the attached form in as much detail as possible **if you wish to attend the Dedication and Unveiling on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2012**. We need to receive these returns from you by the 10<sup>th</sup> of February in order to give us time to come back to you and finalise the details. As you can imagine there are major organisational and security issues that need to be considered. In all of this we are still fundraising for the maintenance of the Memorial and have no spare money to spend on the event itself. We are therefore still seeking sponsorship where possible.

Finally can I ask that Bomber Command Association members who are veterans of The Second World War indicate whether they would be interested in attending a Reunion Event on the evening before the Dedication and Unveiling (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June)? We hope to be able to bring together veterans coming from overseas and those from the UK although again planning is still ongoing.

Do let us know your thoughts and thank you for your patience. We are a small team with a lot of work to do and we appreciate your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm White  
Chairman

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## FORM FOR DEDICATION AND UNVEILING

Please fill in the following form in as much detail as possible and return by the 29<sup>th</sup> of February to either [Bomber.Command.Memorial@rafmuseum.org](mailto:Bomber.Command.Memorial@rafmuseum.org) (if electronic) or to:

Bomber Command Association  
RAF Museum  
Grahame Park Way  
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Address:

Name		Bomber Command Association Membership Number	
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Question	Response	Details
1. Are you a Second World War veteran of Bomber Command?  (If yes, please give service number, dates of service, squadron(s) and stations as well as role/branch/specialisation where possible)	YES / NO	
2. Are you a relative of one of the 55,573?  (If yes, please provide details of the Bomber Command airman concerned as in question 1 (above) as well as your relation to that person)	YES / NO	
3. If neither of the above is applicable, please provide details of your association with Bomber Command.		
4. Tickets for the Memorial enclosure are likely to be for the eligible person plus one other. Are you requesting 1 or 2 tickets?	1 / 2	
5. In addition to the tickets requested in question 3 (above) do you wish to have additional guests attend the wider ticketed area in Green Park?	YES / NO	Number of additional tickets required:
6. If you cannot be accommodated in the seated area beside the Memorial, would you still wish to attend the event in the wider ticketed area in Green Park?	YES / NO	Total number of tickets required for the event:
7. If you are a Second World War veteran would you be interested in attending a Reunion with other veterans on the evening of Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June?  (You may need to arrange accommodation in London overnight if you have far to travel)	YES / NO	