

Notice Board

****Cenotaph Parade 2026****

Dear NMBVA Comrade

Are you planning or hoping to march with us at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026?

I am asking you this at this time because 2026 marks the 60th anniversary since the end of the Confrontation and the NMBVA want to honour the occasion by mustering a substantial contingent for the Remembrance march past. Sadly, as with all campaign-based associations, our membership is slowly declining in both numbers and mobility which is why I am reaching out to you this early because every attendee makes a difference, and it is uncertain for how long we will be able to justify our attendance as an accredited contingent.

At this early stage all I am looking for is expressions of interest and, if possible, an indication of potential numbers and I have already made a case to the Cenotaph Team at the Royal British Legion for an appropriate allocation of tickets.

We expect to be notified in March/April of how many tickets we have been allocated for this special year.

In 2025, we had 22 registered marchers and were privileged to receive coverage on the BBC during the televised parade. We want to make the 60th anniversary highly memorable if we can, and your support would be greatly appreciated. I am also attaching some briefing notes about the event to assist you in your decision. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. **Free train travel is available; please ask for details.**

Please reply to John Black at johnmblack46@gmail.com 07712 897525.

Malaysia Trip 2027

I would like to gauge the interest in a trip to Malaysia in August 2027 to celebrate the 70th year of Malaysia's independence.

The trip I am proposing is 10 nights in Penang followed by 4 nights in Kuala Lumpur. This trip will be in the same format as 2007 and 2017. Part official and part holiday. We will be visiting war cemeteries, holding short parades at the Cenotaph in Penang and taking part in Independence Day in Kuala Lumpur. The holiday day will be BBQs, boat trips around the Island of Penang, gala dinner and plenty of free time for you to arrange things for yourselves.

The idea is for us to travel independently but meet up at the same hotels. This is for those that have a budget and for those that may wish to extend that trip.

If you would like to show your interest, please contact John Measham at nmbva.jsm@gmail.com or on 07899 877124.