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Dear Members and Friends

As everybody will be aware, the devastating effects of the coronavirus and Covid-19 pandemic are now being felt around the world, with cultural, sporting and social events everywhere being either postponed or cancelled.

It would be premature, I think, for anyone to say that in Hong Kong the crisis has abated, but there are perhaps some slight indications that we have “turned the corner” with regard to the spread of the disease.

The Branch Committee has therefore decided to arrange an event for April. We have opted for an outdoors activity on the basis that this is safer than holding, for example, a lecture indoors with all the attendant problems which that would involve.

Future Event.

The Hon. Secretary has forwarded a Paper to the Editorial Committee of the OMRS Journal in the U.K. which I am pleased to say has been selected for publication, probably in June this year.

The paper is entitled “Victoria Cross and George Cross awards during the Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong 1941 - 1945.”

Stanley Military Cemetery is the resting place of no fewer than 5 men who were awarded the G.C. during this period, which probably makes it unique. The paper describes in detail these men and the stories behind their awards.

During our trip we will visit the graves of these brave men, recounting their stories as detailed in the paper, together with some of the other military and civilian burials of significance in the cemetery. The visit will be conducted by both myself and Steve Verralls.

Event : Visit to Stanley Military Cemetery, Tung Tau Wan Road.

Date : Sunday 12 April 2020.

Time : 10:30 hrs.

Place : Meet at Pacific Coffee opposite Stanley Police Station, near the junction of Stanley Village Road and Tung Tau Wan Road.

Cost : Free for Branch members and eligible persons; \$50-HK per non-member.

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Tai Hang Village, Tai Po, NT,
Hong Kong

The duration of the visit will be approximately 2.5 hours, and the opportunity will be taken for a libation afterwards in one of Stanley's many hostelryes!

Please note that the Committee will call off the event beforehand if insufficient interest is expressed.

Future Events

Obviously the Committee is adopting a very cautious approach to future events in view of the current situation. However, former HK Marine policeman Les Bird's presentation entitled "Along the Southern Boundary" is provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 6 October 2020.

Watch this space!

Please reply to the undersigned if you wish to join the visit to Stanley Cemetery. There is no restriction on the number of attendees.

Best regards

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Hon. Secretary

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