

IRISH GUARDS ASSOCIATION



ULSTER BRANCH 'Walk for the Wounded' 26th February – 3rd March 2012

24th January 2012

Dear Joanne,

Following our telephone conversation last week I would like to provide you with details of our up and coming fundraising event which is a 128 miles walk from Dublin to Belfast 26th February – 3rd March 2012. The reason behind completing this walk is to raise much needed funds for Irish Guardsmen injured in the line of duty in recent conflicts such as Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts. The leg applicable to Belfast City Council is at the end of the event when members from the Irish Guards Association will be walking from Lisburn to Belfast commencing on the morning of Saturday 3rd March 2012. It is anticipated to be at Belfast City Hall at approximately 2pm (timings subject to change but should be confirmed nearer completion date). I will be informing the PSNI with all relevant details applicable to the whole event from where and when the walkers enter Northern Ireland and so they will be informed of all stages throughout.

On reaching Belfast City Hall it is the intention of the Association to lay a wreath, laying the wreath will be Major (Ret'd) Bert Smith MBE who is also completing the whole 128 miles from Dublin to Belfast. At the short service we also hope to have a Piper on Parade and a Bugler who is also participating in the walk, Royal British Legion Standard Bearer's representing the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Also we intend to have on Parade the Standard Bearer's from the Republic of Ireland and the Ulster Branches of the Irish Guards Association.

The 'Irish Guards Appeal Fund' was set up by Regimental Headquarters Irish Guards, London. As we are affiliated to the Regiment by Association it is our decision to raise money for this appeal fund. The Regiment is aware of this undertaking and are delighted that we are having planned this event for such a worthy cause. Details of this event can be found on <http://www.bmycharity.com/walkforthewounded>

I therefore respectfully ask for consent for the Irish Guards Association to lay a wreath at Belfast City Hall War Memorial on Saturday 3rd March 2012.

If you need to get in touch with me then please contact me on 07746 530313.

Kindest Regards

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Secretary

Ulster Branch

Irish Guards Association

