

## NEWS RELEASE – MEMORIAL GATES

### COMMEMORATION CEREMONY – MONDAY 9 MARCH 2015

**‘... for your tomorrow we gave our today.’**



#### **The Memorial Gates on Constitution Hill, London**

At the top of Constitution Hill, next to Buckingham Palace in central London, this memorial is dedicated to the people of the Indian subcontinent, Africa, the Caribbean and Nepal who served in the Armed Forces during the two World Wars.

On 6 November 2002 Her Majesty The Queen officially inaugurated the Memorial Gates on Constitution Hill in London, UK. These Gates have been erected as a lasting memorial to honour the five million men and women from the Indian subcontinent, Africa, the Caribbean and Nepal who volunteered to serve the Empire with the Armed Forces during the First and Second World Wars. They also celebrate the contribution that these men and women and their descendants, members of the Commonwealth family, continue to make to the rich diversity of British society.

#### **Quotes:**

**Baroness Flather**, Chairman of the Memorial Gates Council said, “The Ceremony taking place today is to mark the Service and Sacrifice made in both World Wars by nearly five million Volunteers from the Indian sub-continent, Africa, the Caribbean and Nepal. As we move through the anniversaries of the First World War and the significant



Serving soldier and Victoria Cross bearer Sergeant **Johnson Beharry VC** will attend Monday's ceremony.

**Music will be provided by the Coldstream Guards Band by kind permission of Major General E A Smyth-Osbourne CBE , Commander of the Household Division**

**Order of Proceedings:**

1015 Arrival of Guests and VIPs

1040 Her Majesty's Life Guard rides past. Ceremony begins. Speeches from:

Rt. Hon. Baroness Flather JP DL Patron of the Memorial Gates Council,

The Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB LVO OBE DL

The Rt Revd and The Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres KCVO FSA, Bishop of London

1100 Gurkha Bugler — The Last Post, 1 minute silence, Gurkha Piper — The Lament

Gurkha Bugler — The Reveille

Laying of wreaths

1120 End of Ceremony and withdraw for refreshments, interviews and photographs.

1200 Event finishes

**Notes for Editors:**

The Memorial Gate Council is made up of the following:

Chairman: Baroness Flather JP DL FRSA

Patrons: Field Marshal The Lord Inge KG GCB PC DL, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple GCB CBE DL, Field Marshall The Lord Guthrie GCB LVO OBE DL, Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter KCVO OBE DL

Council: Lord Karan Bilimoria , Ms Sophie Densham, Ms Nina Maan, Mr Lakshman Menon, Mr Alpesh Patel, Mr Laurent Phillpotts BHM RAF, Dr Rami Ranger MBE FRSA, Colonel Patrick Shervington MBE, Mr Allan C Wilmot,

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