



## THE RAVC CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - 2018

The RAVC will be celebrating the Centenary of their Royal Warrant which was awarded to the Army Veterinary Corps by HM King George V on 27 Nov 1918 as a result of their significant success in treating horses during WW1, and when the Corps became the Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

A committee met at Melton Mowbray in February to discuss a number of events that would be held throughout the year 2018 to mark this key occasion in the history of the RAVC, culminating to the Centenary day on 27 Nov 2018.

**Bronze Bust of the Colonel in Chief.** Following endorsement by the RAVC Council, a Bronze Bust of the Colonel in Chief, HRH Princess Anne is to be commissioned to mark the centenary and three sculptors had been approached to date. An order will be placed in the next few months and it is anticipated that the Bronze Bust would be unveiled by HRH at a dinner in 2018. Once unveiled this artefact would become part of the RAVC Chattels and the original would be displayed at the DAC in the first instance.

**Centenary Dinner at Buckingham Palace or St James Palace.** The office of HRH The Princess Royal had been approached with a view to an RAVC Centenary Dinner to be held either at Buckingham Palace or St James Palace in the presence the RAVC Colonel in Chief. Although no firm date had been set, it is anticipated that this event will take place in 2018.

**Soldiers and Families Fun Day at North Luffenham.** The Committee recommended that a soldiers' and families' day be held at North Luffenham on Saturday 8 September 2018 to coincide with the first day of the Annual Camp for the RAVC reservists.

This families day would be in the form of a fun day for all and would be subsidised by the RAVC Regimental Amenities Fund.

**RAVC Centenary Parade at Melton Mowbray.** Although this is still to be confirmed, the Mayor's office and Town Council at Melton Mowbray had been approached with a view to holding an RAVC Centenary parade through the town of Melton Mowbray during the Summer of 2018. Initial recommendations had been received from the Town Council including the route and a Reception following the parade.

The proposed date is Friday 27 July 2018, to coincide with the annual Farmers Lunch at the DAC. The Centenary parade would include:

- a. Horses with Riders dressed in WW1 uniform.
- b. MWD and handlers.
- c. Marching troops.

- d. RAVC Association.
- e. Military Band.

A reception would be held at the DAC for all participants and guests following the parade.

### **RAVC Centenary Commemorative Coin**

The committee felt that a Corps memento should be designed to mark the Centenary of the RAVC and initial suggestion was for a commemorative coin.

Further details will be in future Chiron Calling and on the RAVC Association website.

### **Centenary Day – Tue 27 Nov 18**

The Committee discussed a proposition for the celebration of the actual Centenary day on Tuesday 27 November 2018, and although this is still to be decided, a suggestion was for a Centenary Service followed by a curry Lunch to be held at the DAC. Further details will be published in the next Chiron Calling and on the RAVC Association website.