



## Coordinating Instructions

### Artillery Club's Foreign Field Trip – Athens – 06 to 11 October 2019

Coordinator: Commandant Michael Flood (Retd)



Reference : A. Concept of Operations (V 23 Mar 19)

#### Introduction

The Artillery Club's 2019 Foreign Field Trip will take place in Athens, with Sunday, 06 October and Friday, 11 October the travel days. By kind permission of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, the trip includes a visit to the Artillery School, located in Néa Péramos, Attikis, on Monday, 07 October.

As with the successful trips in 2015 to Madrid and Segovia, in 2016 to Granada and Malaga, in 2017 to Lisbon, and in 2018 to Vienna, Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) is the Field Trip Coordinator.

Our Liaison Officer will be Colonel Nikolaos J. Pentsas, Artillery Directorate, Hellenic Army General Staff.

These Coordinating Instructions derive from Reference A.

#### Programme

The Programme is attached as Annex A.

Participants are free to organise their own activities in Athens, such as visiting the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Temple of Hephaestus, the Arc of Hadrian, the Acropolis Museum, Syntagma Square (for the Changing of the Guards), Ermou Street for a shopping spree, the National Library, Plaka and Monastiraki Flea Market, art galleries and museums.

Should Participants wish to enjoy the rejuvenating waters of the Greek seas, the closest beach is just 9 kilometers away from the recommended hotel.



### Verbal Brief

Commandant Michael Flood (Retd) will provide a verbal brief at 1930hrs, on Sunday, 06 October in the lobby of the Polis Grand Hotel.

### Participants

The List of Participants is attached as Annex B. As of 25 September, 31 individuals, including 12 spouses / partners, are travelling.

### Preparations

Participants are advised to check their passports, to have appropriate travel insurance, and to have in their possession a current European Health Insurance card.

Participants are also encouraged to bring appropriate dress, including Club Tie, for the visit to the Hellenic Artillery School. The Dress Code for this event will be jacket and tie.

### Recommended Hotel

Whereas participants are free to select their own hotel, the majority have selected the recommended hotel: Polis Grand Hotel, Veranzerou 10, Athens 104 34.

- Hotel Phone: 00 30 5243 156.
- Hotel Website: <https://www.polisgrandhotel.gr/>

As previously advised, participants are responsible to make their required bookings direct availing of the assigned micro-site. Those registered with the Polis Grand Hotel should have noted the deduction of an advance payment of 1 night's accommodation, on 31 August in accordance with the booking Terms and Conditions.

### Costs

All costs will accrue to Participants as they occur: Flights, Hotel, Internal Travel, Tours, Entrance Fees and Meals.

Specific costs, which will be collected by a designated Treasurer, are as follows:

- **Dinner 06 Oct:** €32 per person, four course dinner, less beverages,
- **Dinner 10 Oct:** €30 per person, three course dinner, less beverages.

### After Action Review

Participants are encouraged to make observations on the Foreign Field Trip which will inform the Committee's After Action Review.

[Annex A.](#) Programme.

[Annex B.](#) List of Participants (Not for Website Version)



## Annex A

### Artillery Club's Field Trip – Athens – 06 to 11 October 2018



#### Sunday 06 October

**1300hrs:** Check in Recommended Hotel: Polis Grand Hotel.

**1930hrs:** Coordination Brief in Hotel Lobby.

**2000hrs:** Group Dinner in the Hotel Rooftop Restaurant.

#### Monday 07 October

**0900hrs:** Depart Hotel for the Hellenic Artillery School, Néa Péramos. Optional spouses tour of Elefsina, in parallel with Artillery briefings. Returning to hotel after hosted Lunch.

#### Tuesday 08 October

**TBA:** Depart Hotel for optional all day “Viator” Island Cruise, including Lunch.

#### Wednesday 09 October

**0930hrs:** Depart Hotel for a two hour Guided Tour of War Museum, Vasilissis Avenue, Athens. <http://www.warmuseum.gr/en/node/6>

#### Thursday 10 October

**0930hrs:** Depart Hotel for Flisvos Marina <http://www.flisvosmarina.com>. One hour Guided Tour of the Battleship *G.AVEROF*, a floating Naval Museum, (<http://averof.mil.gr>). Free time in Marina before returning to the Hotel.

**2000hrs:** Depart Hotel for Hail and Farewell Dinner, in Kouvelos Restaurant, Genneou Kolokotroni 66.

#### Friday 11 October

Return to Ireland.

