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THE MALTA TOURISM AUTHORITY SUPPORTS 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE CROSS

Spitfire to fly over Grand Harbour on July 15th

As part of the commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of the awarding of the George Cross to the people of Malta on April 15, 1942, a group of 40 members of the Royal Air Squadron (UK) will be visiting Malta in mid July. When in Malta, the group shall be enjoying a special programme of activities that will emphasise the RAF's connection to Malta during World War II and in later years.

One special event that should prove of great interest to both local aviation enthusiasts as well as to World War II history buffs will be the flying display of a Spitfire by one of the members of the Association, Maxi Gainza. This spectacle will take place on Saturday, July 15 between 18.10 hrs and 18.40 hrs. The best viewing point for the spectacle will be at Lower Barrakka and the nearby vantage points.

The programme of the Royal Air Squadron is being handled locally by Alpine Sterling Travel & Tourism with the support of the Malta Tourism Authority. This event will kick start a series of events that are being planned this year to commemorate the anniversary of the bestowment of the George Cross medal and the citation by King George VI to the Maltese for their courage and endurance during WW II.