CLEANING AND RESTORATION OF THE AREA OF CEMETERY GEBEL SANHUR (Km 42 OF THE WATER TRACK)

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Flight from abroad, Arrival of participants; Transfer Cairo - El Alamein on private bus. Night at El Alamein dinner and overnight stay in a Bedouin tent.

The number of available tends will be in relation to t number of participants in such a way as to ensure the necessary comfort.

#### 2° day

Cleaning and restoration of the cemetery at Gebel El-Sanhur Laying of memorial stone.







SEE (ANNEX TO THE MISSION) DETAILS OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE CEMETERY

At the end of the cleaning and restoration of the cemetery, a memorial stone will be constructed on site using raw materials found in and around the cemetery while the concrete is mixed using the same sand where rested the fallen soldiers. The memorial will remember the Stele the Sharpshooter (Bersagliere) at KM 111 and will be identical to the one located at Deir EL Munassib for the 4<sup>th</sup> Folgore. Mission Santo Pelliccia 10/15 March 2012. The inscription on the plaque will be unveiled before the start of the mission. After the dinner will be shown films and photos taken by the participants in the mission during the day just passed by. Screening of the film I Ragazzi Della Folgore.

## 3 ° day Camel Pass

Visit to the structure called "the hospital" and a visit to the Hospital 2: second underground structure, smaller (new), semi-submerged in the sand and discovered by researchers of ARIDO during missions in January February 2012.



Note that it have been scheduled the cleaning and mapping in the next mission in November 2012.

Climb by car up to the top of the Camel Pass to the underground observation and command / communications point (new) that sits on top of the Camel Pass, in an area where a panoramic view opens on the Great Depression.



From this point of arrival by car, the participants will be able to walk along the edge (several km long) and to visit the trenches



And also to enjoy and photograph a breathtaking view

In the evening screening of movies and photos taken by participants in the mission. during the day just passed

4 ° day Transfers and night at Tell El Aqqaqir





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### 5° day

## Ceremony at Alamein for the seventieth anniversary of the battle -

Meeting with the rest of the participants coming from Cairo-(Cairo University, secondary education institutions) Return to Cairo in the evening.

Night in 5 star hotel in the Pyramids area in Cairo.

#### 6° day

Possibility of excursions to the Pyramids on the morni of the day for those who have the flight home from Cairo in the afternoon.

This tour is not included in the cost of the mission and choice of individuals.

Return flight to abroad in the afternoon

#### COST:

520 EURO A.I. for 6 days of mission

The price includes:

Entry visa to Egypt.

Transfers to and from the airport,

Transfer by private bus with air-conditioning Cairo- El Alamein- Cairo

Full board throughout the period of stay in the desert (breakfast, lunch on the road, dinner and overnight at the camp in big and comfortable Bedouin tent) individual / single "igloo" tents to be

required at the time of enrolment, without charge . Using off-road vehicles TOYOTA Land Cruiser ARIDO GPS mapping

Maps and mapping of areas of interest for the mission vailable to passengers.

## Thuraya satellite phone:

Individual participants can receive phone calls through this free service made available by ARIDO every day of the mission from 19,00 up to 21; Egyptian time (+1 hour).

The sat phone number will be communicated to the participants in the mission a few days before leaving .

Dinner bed breakfast in 5 \* Hotel in Cairo, Giza (near the Pyramids) over night of day 5

Qualified and experienced personnel.

The Italian expedition leader has to his credit:

- 1) 10 years (2002/2012) of experience in the desert at El Alamein, where he completed 104 exploration missions
- 2) 12 years (2000/2012) of long range desert trips in the Libyan desert, Egyptian, Sudanese, Jordan and Israel.
- 3) Guide-Staff Jeep Club of Egypt

Each participant will receive brochures with information, stickers, maps, of cial certificate of attendance at the ceremony of the 70 th of the battle, certificate of participation in the restructuring of the Italian Cemetery of 42 Km Water Track of El Alamein.

ARIDO shirt, jacket and hat.

The fees do not include: ticket A / R personal insurance

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# ANNEX TO THE MISSION ON THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN.

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Second and Third day of the mission

RESTRUCTURING OF THE CEMETERY OF GEBEL SANHUR

- 1) Cleaning and removal of boundary stones from drivew s and access corridor to the burial areas.
- 2) Clean the access corridor
- 3) Restructuring of the altar in the cemetery of Jebel Sanhur
- 4) Implementation of a large wooden cross, blessed by the Catholic Fathers

## Equipment:

Digging equipment, transportation and everything else eeded for the restructuring is provided by ARIDO (Shovels, picks, brooms, sieves, cart-cement) individuals participating in the mission will only obtain work gloves (those who use it of course) temperature preferred model.

#### Program detail:

The altar will be rebuilt absolutely in its original size and shape.

The entire structure shown poor conditions: missing stones and a couple of points has started to collapse.

The structure will be 'temporarily dismantled and each stone will' then put it back and cemented to the other.

At the center of the altar will be 'cemented a metal box as high as the altar that will permit to put a wooden cross on the altar of size 3 x 1.5 meters.

#### Materials and procedure:

- 1) The same stones that are part of the altar will be removed and washed well to allow concrete a better grip. Will be put back in place and cemented each other to obtain a solid and permanent structure.
- 2) Sand taken from the same burial ground: will be used the same sand mounds of the exhumation, the same sand that for years has protected the remains of our fallen. After being selected and sifted (participation of all is requested) will be 'mixed with cement to make stable and solid structure of the altar.
- 3) At the center will be made a niche 50cm x 25 x 5 cm in which a metal box will be inserted
- **4)** On the box will be commissioning a large cross in dark wood (3m x 1.5 m) identical to those that were put in field cemeteries.
- **4.1)** Before the start of the mission the cross will be taken at the Catholic Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Egypt (the same church where rests Vittorio Emanuele III) and then blessed by the

Catholic Fathers.

- 5) To prevent vandalism, addressed to Christian symbols and Europeans in general by local, cross will be then removed at the end of the mission in the desert, befor e head to El Alamein to attend the ceremony for the Battle of the LXX.
- **6)** On the west side of the plinth of stone and cement, which will be the altar of Gebel Sanhur after the renovation, will be commissioning the carved stone plaque in memory of the fallen that have rested in that place. The entire renovation will e'made to obtain a final result in the style of "the stelle of the soldier" at km 111 and the stone put in place by the ARIDO in the mission named "Santo Pelliccia, Folgore IV, from 10 to March 15, 2012.
- **7)** Because of the hard ground and stony The camp fixed, which will stand in Gebel Sanhur area for the duration of the mission, will not be stood close to cemetery.
- **8)** For this reason, during the night shifts will be established to guard the burial area and cross the Gebel Sanhur by volunteers participating in the mission. The number of people who have the honor to take turns guarding the cross and the duration of individual rounds will be decided democratically among the participants in the same miss as the number of subscribers.

**NOTE:** The fixed tented camp will be 'about 400 meters from t e cemetery Sanhur, for this reason and for ease of identification during night transfers to and from the cemet y, will be put a green chemistry light on top of the main tent of the fixed field so as to be visible from far, without "disturbing" the sacredness of the dark hours of the night and the imposing presence of the silence.

