

# ARMED FORCES DAY - 27 JUNE 2020

A chance to support the men and women who make up the armed forces community



We proudly support those who serve. Now more than ever, our armed forces community may need the support the Armed Forces Covenant provides. Information on how you can support, or be supported by the Covenant, is available on our [website](#). The Covenant is here for regulars, reservists, veterans, service leavers, families and businesses.

## What is the Armed Forces Covenant?



[Gosport](#)  
[Isle of Wight](#)  
[Portsmouth](#)  
[Southampton](#)

What we do - watch 'The Armed Forces Covenant in 60 seconds' and download the new Veterans' Gateway app on your smartphone or tablet to find out what support organisations are in your area

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, many local and national events normally held to mark the occasion have been cancelled - but there are lots of ways that you and your family can show your support by celebrating Armed Forces Day at home.



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**Listen** to two interviews 'then and now' with 96 year old WW2 veteran Peter Chamberlain and 26 year old Joe Hookey about their motivations for serving in the Royal Navy, their experiences and what they'd say to anyone thinking about serving in the forces now.

**#SALUTEOURFORCES** is a simple way for anyone to pay tribute to the British Armed Forces community. Send a photo or video of yourself or your friends and colleagues saluting! Submit your images on Twitter [@ArmedForcesDay](#) using [#SaluteOurForces](#) or comment on one of the posts on [Facebook](#)

**Celebrate** by having a themed bbq at home, a knees up in your living room or family picnic in the park. Event toolkits can be found on the Armed Forces Day official website. Show support by [placing a poster in your window](#). Don't forget to share your photos on Facebook and Twitter!



Strengthening Covenant Delivery Together



**Watch the flag raising ceremonies around the Solent.** On Monday 22 June ceremonies were streamed live in [Southampton](#) and [Isle of Wight](#) at 11am to show support for the armed forces during Armed Forces Week. Ceremonies in [Gosport](#) and [Portsmouth](#) and will be recorded and posted via their council's social media channels to show that they're all 'we're standing together to show our support'



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**Watch the Mayor of Gosport Borough Council sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of the local authority.** The signing took place on 17 June in time for Armed Forces Day with Captain Voyce, as the armed forces representative at HMS Sultan. The signing reaffirms the local commitment to supporting our armed forces



**Lindy-hop Portsmouth** will be throwing a virtual dance as it takes part in Armed Forces Day commemorations and YOU are invited! They'll be playing a live Swing DJ set from 3-4.30pm 27 June with special guest [Amy Baker](#) who will sing live for all of us at 3.30pm. Whether you dance or up for some swing music we hope to have something for you. Access is free via the link on [Facebook](#)



**Reserves Day** - keep your eyes peeled on Southampton City Council's social media pages on Wednesday 24 June to hear the stories of the local Reserves. There will be a spotlight on some of the Council's employee reserves and the release of a film from the Blighmont Reserves Centre Millbrook about what it means to them to be a Reserve.



**For children** - show your support for Armed Forces Day when home schooling - with a choice of two [school lesson plans](#) that support the message of Armed Forces Day



**165 Port and Maritime Regiment Royal Logistical Core** is hosting virtual open day on Armed Forces Day 27 June. Find out more about careers available. Email [recruiting165@outlook.com](mailto:recruiting165@outlook.com) for more information and link email



The RNRMC supports serving and former members of the naval service and their families. Find out how it can support you [here](#) and look out for its posts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to mark the occasion of Armed Forces Week 22-27 June



On Armed Forces Day **Veteran Wellbeing Advisors** will be taking over Solent Mind's [social media feeds](#) to offer a live mental health Q&A and a taster session of its veteran recovery courses. Further information on their website at [www.solentmind.org.uk](http://www.solentmind.org.uk)

## THE VIRTUAL ARMED FORCES WEEK QUIZ

This year Defence Relationship Management and [SSAFA](#) are calling on our Armed Forces Covenant community take part in their **Armed Forces Week Quiz on 25 June at 16.30**. Get together virtually and test your knowledge of the Armed Forces and much more. Click [here](#) to sign up.



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