

LET'S SALUTE OUR ARMED FORCES

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Commemorating Dame Vera Lynn and
celebrating Armed Forces Day 2020



**SHOWING OUR SUPPORT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED
FORCES**

Dear Member,

Everyone at The Royal British Legion was incredibly sad to hear of the passing of Dame Vera Lynn last week. Those who were privileged to know her recall the warmth of her eyes was equalled only by the beauty of her voice.



A true 'forces sweetheart', Dame Vera Lynn was a symbol of hope to the Armed Forces community, past and present, who brought joy to the hearts of millions of people during some of their darkest times. Dame Vera was and continued to be a shining beacon of the stoicism that became so

entrenched in the British war time spirit, giving people strength in adversity, and offering the simple encouragement to 'keep smiling through'.

The Royal British Legion, our members, and all within our community will forever be indebted to Dame Vera, not only for her tireless work on behalf of our charity, and many others, but for her passion, dedication and bravery in support of our Armed Forces.

Dame Vera holds a special place in the hearts of all of us here the Legion. It is a privilege to have known and worked with her. She is a true British icon and inspiration, and will be missed dearly by the entire Armed Forces community.

As we remember the great Dame Vera Lynn, I believe it is more important than ever to continue to show our support for our Armed Forces Community. This Saturday 27th June 2020, marks Armed Forces Day, a national day of celebration of those who serve, and have served in Her Majesty's Armed Forces. It is intended to raise public awareness of the contribution our troops make.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's event has been cancelled, however, we refuse to let this important date pass us by, and still urge you hold your own celebrations and activities at home or outside whilst [social distancing](#). You can join in by following the Armed Forces Day [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for a programme of events including Q&As and performances from military bands and much more. You could also host a virtual celebration with friends online, or even host a virtual quiz on the Armed Forces. Visit the Armed Forces Day website for lots more ideas [here](#). You can also show your support by using the hashtag *#SaluteOurForces* on social media when posting pictures and comments.

Lastly I wanted to assure you that in these unprecedented times The Royal British Legion is working hard to support the most vulnerable in our society, be it older veterans that we care for, those who suffer from social isolation, or those who are simply overwhelmed by the challenges associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, including those serving members of the Armed Forces who are helping with the fight against the virus. None of this would be possible without the generous help of members like you.

On behalf of the Armed Forces community, thank you for your support. And of course, if you, or someone you know in the Armed Forces community needs our support, please contact us on 0808 802 8080 (8am to 8pm, 7 days a week). Our contact centre remains fully operational at this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

Dimitra Nikolakopoulou
Membership Communications Officer



ARMED FORCES DAY RESOURCES

While this year's Armed Forces Day may look a little different to usual, we ask you to join us in coming together to celebrate and raise awareness of the contribution our Armed Forces make to all of our lives. This year is particularly poignant, having seen the contribution our Armed Forces have made, and continue to make in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Do visit The Armed Forces Day website for lots of useful resources and ideas, however, you choose to celebrate this year!

[View the resources >](#)

ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that The Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

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