



# ARMED FORCES WEEK 2019

## Support Armed Forces Week

Armed Forces Week begins on Monday 24th June and continues through to Armed Forces Day held on Saturday 29th June, including Reserves Day on Wednesday 26th June. This is a special week of events and activities held up and down the country, where we can show our appreciation and support of the Armed Forces community.

Rutland has a great respect for the whole of our Armed Forces community, from the youngest cadets, to its serving personnel at our two Barracks; Kendrew and St Georges, all the way through to our oldest veterans. And we never forget our service families and supporters.

Locally, the Armed Forces community makes up more than 15% of our Rutland population with 8-10% having a direct Armed Forces connection and we have close to 600 service children in our schools across the county.

Rutland County Council holds the silver award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme under the Armed Forces Covenant and leads on supporting all members of the Armed Forces community, including their families, across the county. With this in mind we would like to invite you to join us in celebrating Armed forces week 2019.

## Be a part of Armed Forces Week

This year, the national Armed Forces Day event will be held in Salisbury on Saturday 29th June, further celebrations and events are occurring across the UK to celebrate our Armed Forces, past, present and future. Visit [www.armedforcesday.org.uk](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk) and find out how you can join in events locally and across the UK.

Rutland County Council has organised a ***Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday 24th June at Oakham Castle – 10.30am*** and we would like to invite you to join us.

## Back our Reservists

Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, balancing their civilian life with a military career to ensure that should their country require them, they would be ready to serve as part of the military.

The Reserve Forces make up approximately one sixth of our Armed Forces personnel and as such are integral to protecting the nation's security at home and overseas, particularly providing capability in specialist areas such as medical and cyber.

Employers are being asked to thank our Reservists across the UK for their dedication, professionalism and commitment to serving our country.

Organisations of all sizes are being encouraged to show their support on 26th June by holding a workplace talk, organising an event or just publicly showing your support to celebrate Reserves Day.

Toolkits with a variety of Armed Forces Day resources are available to download online: [www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/events-toolkits-resources/toolkits](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/events-toolkits-resources/toolkits).

## Events to share

Nearby events for families to enjoy on Saturday 29th June include:

### ***PETERBOROUGH NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY 2019 10AM – 4PM***

Armed Forces Day Peterborough 2019 will include a variety of performances, stalls, charities and military vehicles. There will also be a parade, Military Band, Pipe Band and Majorettes in attendance over the course of the day. This is a free family day out in the heart of Peterborough.

### ***LOUGHBOROUGH SALUTES THE ARMED FORCES 10AM – 3PM***

Loughborough has invited a number of entertainment groups to join our regular contributors – the Charnwood Veterans' Breakfast Club, the local Army Reserve Centre staff, Royal British Legion bikers and the Land Rover Club. We look forward to contributions from the Chilwell Barracks Army Wives Choir, the local Corps of Drums, the Barrow upon Soar Ukulele group and performers from local schools. The event takes place on a Saturday Market Day in Loughborough and our traders and businesses will be joining in the fun.