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Veterans and Armed Forces ticketing arrangements announced for the first Armed Forces Day National Event at The Historic Dockyard Chatham

The following are being given the opportunity to apply in advance for **free tickets**, prior to their general release on the day of the event, Armed Forces Day - Saturday 27 June 2009:

- Armed Forces personnel and their families (including Reserve and Auxiliary Forces) and the families of those currently serving on operations
- Veterans and their families
- Ex-Chatham Dockyard workers and their families
- Members of Cadet Forces and their families

As there is likely to be a heavy demand for tickets, the organisers are keen that these key individuals are given an early opportunity to obtain their tickets for this amazing occasion. This allocation of tickets is of a substantial but limited number and will be issued on a first come, first served basis (up to a maximum of six per application).

Entry on the day will still be free of charge for those who have not applied for tickets in advance, including the general public, **but will be subject to availability due to site capacity constraints.**

On the pages that follow are:

- A newsletter, detailing the daytime event, activities throughout the week in Medway and the separately ticketed early evening Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset;
- The ticket request form for both events which can also be downloaded from the website at www.thedockyard.co.uk

If you would like to apply for free tickets for the daytime event and/or purchase tickets for the evening Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset, please print and complete the ticket request form and return it, together with an A5 stamped and self-addressed envelope to:

Armed Forces Day Ticket Office

The Old Surgery, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ

Standard Bearers must register separately – please contact the office for details – 01634 823816

Organised Groups wishing to attend:

All coach parties and any group of 20 or more from ex-services associations, the Armed Forces and Cadet Force units must contact the Groups Administrator at The Historic Dockyard on 01634 823815 or e-mail groupsales@chdt.org.uk to ensure they are allocated the tickets they require.

Please do not use the ticket request form.

Go to www.thedockyard.co.uk for updates on the National Event!

27 June promises to be an amazing day not to be missed – make sure you are there!

For general information on Armed Forces Day across the country go to www.armedforcesday.org.uk

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ARMED FORCES DAY

NATIONAL
EVENT



AT THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM

27 JUNE 2009

A fantastic day out packed with ceremony, excitement, have-a-go adventure and commemoration



THE FIRST NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AWARD WINNING HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM IN KENT ON SATURDAY 27 JUNE. THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO JOIN VETERANS AND SERVING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN AN AMAZING TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE COUNTRY - AND WHAT IS MORE - ACCESS TO THE EVENT IN THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD WILL BE COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE!



The day will commence with a Celebration Parade through Chatham town centre featuring contingents from the three Armed Forces led by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. The veterans' contingents, complete with standards, will join the parade as it proceeds into The Historic Dockyard where a royal salute will take place prior to an open air Drumhead service.



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For further details of the National Event please visit

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ARMED FORCES DAY

27 JUNE

Honouring Britain's Armed Forces
Past, Present and Future

Throughout the day, displays and activities will take place on land, water and in the air as some of the very best assets of the Armed Forces swing into action. Specific display areas will include those for the aviation buffs at Anchor Wharf where the RAF will take centre stage, a British Army Expo, the Sea Cadet Corps Village, Soldiers Through-the-Ages tableaux and an exciting programme of activities on and over the river. The event will very firmly place the entire Armed Forces family of veterans, current personnel and cadets at the centre of an outstanding occasion.



The military displays will be joined by those of the RNLI, Kent Fire and Rescue, BAE Systems, HM Coastguard, Bactec International, military vehicle preservation groups, and many more in an ever increasing list of participants.



In the heart of The Historic Dockyard, Museum Square will become the "Veterans' Rendezvous" where music, food and drink, promotions, charity information stands and entertainment will create a venue specially for veterans.

In the primary Armed Forces areas, have-a-go adventure and fun will be the order of the day as young and old alike are invited to try their hands at a whole host of activities including 'drive a digger', mine-detecting, an inflatable assault course, a shooting range and a climbing wall.



Back by popular demand to entertain the veterans will be the little blond bombshell, Forces Sweetheart KAS and the 'Swinging Sweethearts' singing duo.



Why The Historic Dockyard Chatham?

The Historic Dockyard Chatham is set in the heart of an area that is immensely rich in Military and Defence history that goes back over four hundred years. Over the years this strong relationship with the UK Armed Forces has led to the Medway Towns and the Armed Forces communities becoming almost one and the same.

Tens of thousands of Service men and women have served, passed through, or retired here, or as civilians have worked for the Royal Navy in the Royal Dockyard and other naval establishments on the

Medway. The result is that in Medway and Kent there is a very large population of Armed Forces and Dockyard veterans and there is a large proportion of the national population who served in one way or another in Medway and Kent. Today, The Historic Dockyard continues to be seen as a major focus of attention for veterans, Service personnel and indeed anyone with an interest in the UK Armed Forces.



There could not be a more appropriate year for The Historic Dockyard Chatham, Medway and Kent to host this national event. 2009 is the 25th Anniversary of the Charitable Trust set up to manage the southern 80 acres of the former Naval Base, when the Royal Navy left Chatham in 1984. Much exemplary regeneration work has been done in renovating buildings and bringing them back into use to develop one of Kent's leading attractions and the mixed use community that is The Historic Dockyard today.



Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset

A separately ticketed fundraising event in aid of Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, Help for Heroes and SSAFA.



Armed Forces Day at The Historic Dockyard Chatham will be brought to a close in rousing style by a separately ticketed Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset led by the Band of HM Royal Marines on the historic riverfront that has witnessed so many great and emotional occasions over the years.

Tickets are available at **£12** for tiered grandstand seating and **£8** for 'stalls' (non-tiered) but are limited, so book early. To purchase tickets use the Armed Forces Day Ticket Request Form, call in person to The Historic Dockyard ticket office or telephone **01634 823826**.



In the air there will be fly-through appearances by the world renowned Red Arrows and the veterans of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Further fast-jet and helicopter assets are expected to be confirmed as the big day approaches.

The Historic Dockyard's own galleries and attractions include HMS Cavalier, the Second World War Destroyer; HMS Gannet, a Victorian Naval Sloop and HM Submarine Ocelot, the cold war spy submarine.

An imposing and emotive bronze monument stands alongside HMS Cavalier. This, together with the ship,



forms the National Destroyer Memorial – the official designated memorial to the 142 Royal Navy destroyers sunk during the Second World War and over 11,000 men who lost their lives as a result. You can discover why rope was so important to the Royal Navy in the Age of Sail in the Victorian Ropery and in '3 Slip – The BIG Store' you can feast your eyes on the awe inspiring wooden roof structure of this immense covered slip and find really BIG 'things' from the collections of The Historic Dockyard and



On Anchor Wharf three aircraft – a Typhoon, Tornado and Chinook – will be on display for visitors to get that extra special close-up photo and, subject to operational commitments, it is planned for Royal Naval ships to be opened to visitors at nearby Thunderbolt Pier and at No.2 Basin, Chatham Maritime.

Royal Engineers Museum Gillingham. The building itself is one of Britain's architectural gems. When built in 1838 it was Europe's largest wide span timber structure. You can take the lift or stairs to the mezzanine floor to discover the real grandeur of its incredible roof. The sights, sounds and smells of the dockyard of 1758 are recreated in the Wooden Walls gallery; maritime history is discovered in the inspiring Museum of the Royal Dockyard and heroic rescues of RNLI crews are re-lived in the Lifeboat! gallery.



Medway Armed Forces Week

From 20 June, Medway will be celebrating and embracing its rich military history as a prelude to the first National Armed Forces Day on Saturday 27 June. The following gives an idea of the organisations that are taking part in this week long festival. With so much to see and do why not stay for a few days and enjoy some of these activities throughout the week.

Royal Engineers Museum

20 & 21 June, 10am – 4pm

01634 822839

www.remuseum.org.uk

'Be the Best'. The official start of this special week in Medway with 24 Commando Engineer Regiment, just back from tour of duty in Afghanistan. Displays of kit, survival techniques, PT Stations and stories from the conflict in Afghanistan.

Fuse Festival

20 June

www.fusefestival.org.uk

Outdoor dance and street arts in Gillingham. Evening – Fire and Circus Show at Rochester Castle Gardens.

Town & Gown 10km Run

21 June, 10am

www.medway.gov.uk/london2012

Organised by the national charity Muscular Dystrophy campaign, in association with Medway Council.

Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces

22 June

Raising the official Armed Forces Day flag at The Historic Dockyard and Rochester Castle.

Chatham Library at Riverside Gardens

From 23 June

www.medway.gov.uk/index/leisure

Exhibition and children's activities

Free exhibition "Chatham Dockyard in the News: marking the 25th anniversary of the dockyard closure and events from the past 200 years." Kent Family History Roadshow – providing advice and guidance for people wanting to trace their military ancestors.

Upnor Castle

23 & 24 June, 7pm

0845 450 5157

www.medway.gov.uk/tourism

Open air theatre: 'Alice through the Looking Glass'



Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle

24 – 26 June, 2pm

01634 827648

www.pskc.freemove.co.uk

Medway's Military Heritage Cruise: sail back in time and enjoy a 1 hour leisurely and informative cruise on the River Medway on board a real steamship.



The Central Theatre, Chatham

Armed Forces & Veterans' Film Festival

24 – 26 June

01634 338338

www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebookings

A special Screen Classics season on Second World War films, to coincide with Medway Armed Forces Week. Introduced by Screen Classics host Nick Walker.



24 June, 3pm

In Which We Serve

One of the UK's greatest war films, directed by David Lean and Noel Coward.

24 June, 7.30pm

A Matter of Life and Death

A romantic fantasy film set in the Second World War starring David Niven.

25 June, 3pm

Carve her Name with Pride

A true story of the heroism of Special Operations Executive agent Violette Zsabo.

25 June, 7.30pm

Battle of Britain

Starring Michael Caine, Susannah York and Laurence Olivier.

Crown Juals Productions presents The Best of British

26 June, 3pm

A roller-coaster afternoon of nostalgia, comedy and music that will take you through four decades of British variety.

Dickens World

Open Day

27 June, from 10am

01634 890421

www.dickensworld.co.uk

Take the opportunity to wonder at this truly Dickensian Themed Attraction adjacent to The Historic Dockyard. The courtyard will be transformed into an indoor street market.

Ivy Paige's Forces Sweetheart

27 June, 7pm for 8pm

01634 890421

www.dickensworld.co.uk

Join the nation's favourite sweetheart, Ivy Paige and her band for an evening. The show will feature classics from the 1940's and onwards with Ivy promising to entertain the 'troops'.

Cathedral

28 June, 3.15pm

Service of Thanksgiving for the Armed Forces

Echoes Fitness Facilities

0800 064 0038

A FREE 7-day membership pass for serving personnel and veterans at six Leisure Centres in Medway.

Attractions

22 to 26 June

The following attractions have offered FREE ADMISSION for Armed Forces personnel and all Veterans on presentation of ID or Veterans badge during the week. Please contact each attraction for details of these special events, opening times and prices [if applicable]:

The Historic Dockyard

www.thedockyard.co.uk

Royal Engineers Museum

www.remuseum.org.uk

Rochester Castle

www.medway.gov.uk/tourism

Upnor Castle

www.medway.gov.uk/tourism

Dickens World

www.dickensworld.co.uk

Fort Amherst

www.medway.gov.uk/tourism

The St George's Centre

Medway Local Studies Centre

www.medway.gov.uk/archives

For further information about events in Medway and local accommodation, contact the Visitor Information Centre in Rochester on 01634 843666 or go to www.medway.gov.uk/tourism



All images are for illustrative purposes only and act as a guide to the content of the event. Information correct at the time of printing. The organisers, Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust and the MOD, reserve the right to change the programme or cancel activities without notice. All Armed Forces assets appear subject to operational requirements.



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**ARMED FORCES DAY NATIONAL EVENT
SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2009
AT THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM
Veterans & Serving Personnel
Day ticket request & Beating Retreat ticket form**



Individual Veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Forces, Reserve and Auxiliary Forces, former members of the Merchant Navy, members of the Cadet Forces and former civilian employees of Chatham Dockyard up to its 1984 closure, and their respective families, may use this form to apply for tickets to attend the **Armed Forces Day National Event and/or the separately ticketed Beating Retreat at The Historic Dockyard Chatham on 27 June 2009.**

The **whole form** should be returned to the address below as soon as possible but **no later than FRIDAY 22 MAY.**

Please note that children and young persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The allocation of tickets is of a substantial but limited number and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Entry on the day will still be free of charge for those who have not applied for tickets in advance, including the general public, but will be subject to availability due to site capacity constraints.

**If you are successful in your application, you will receive your tickets by 8 June.
If you are unsuccessful in your application, you will also be informed to that effect, by 8 June.**

All Coach Parties and any Group of 20 people or more MUST contact the Groups Administrator on 01634 823815 or email groupsales@chdt.org.uk for group booking details.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Your Name

Address (to which **all** tickets and information will be sent)

Contact Phone Number E-Mail

To qualify for this advance allocation of tickets you must **CIRCLE** below the Arm of Service in which you serve or served

Army RN RM RAF MN RFA Former Dockyard Cadets Other:.....

Unit/Regiment/Ship/Dockyard Dept

Would you like to participate in the Veterans' Parade? YES NO (please circle)

*Please note that only Veterans who have **applied for AND been issued with tickets** will be guaranteed to be able to participate in the Veterans' Contingent of the Parade, details of which will be issued when your tickets are sent to you.*

STANDARD BEARERS MUST register separately – please contact our office for details – 01634 823816

Please send me the following tickets for which I enclose payment (where required)

FREE OF CHARGE DAY TICKETS

A) FREE Armed Forces Day Tickets – Maximum of SIX per application form. Number required

Please include the number of wheelchair users and helpers in your party (if applicable) in your total tickets required.

BEATING RETREAT TICKETS

These are priced at £12 for Grandstand Seats & £8 for Stalls seating.

(Beating Retreat prices include a £1.50 Booking & Admin Fee that is non-returnable in the event of a partial or full cancellation of the ceremony)

(Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset is a fundraising event in aid of Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, Help for Heroes & SSAFA)

B) Tickets Required: Grandstand Seats required? @ £12; or Stalls Seats required? @ £8

Total Beat Retreat Payment enclosed is £..... NB How many wheelchair users in your party?.....

Cheques should be made payable to CHATHAM HISTORIC DOCKYARD TRUST

Card Payments: Please complete the details on page 2. Each transaction will incur a 50p administration charge.

Send your completed application form with payments AND a stamped and self-addressed A5 envelope to: Armed Forces Day Ticket Office, The Old Surgery, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ

We are unable to process applications sent without an A5 stamped and self-addressed envelope

Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) The information you have provided will be used in line with the DPA and will be used solely for the purposes of the Armed Forces Day. Your information will not be passed to organisations outside The Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust.

The Historic Dockyard would like to keep you informed of other events here. If you do not wish to hear from us please tick in this space []

Beating Retreat Tickets

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFORMATION – see below

Card Payments: Please complete the details below. Each transaction will incur a 50p administration charge.

**If you prefer to make your card payment by 'phone, please call 01634 823826
between 9.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.**

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD INFORMATION Please complete in BLOCK Letters:

Credit/Debit Card Type (please ✓): Visa Master Card American Express Solo/Switch/Maestro

Card Number: Expiry Date:

Valid From: Issue Number: Last 3 digits of security number on reverse:

Name as it appears on the card:

Billing address (if different from page 1):

Post Code: Payment Amount (GB Pounds): £

Signature: Date:

ALL DETAILS RELATING TO THIS TRANSACTION WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER PROCESSING