

Armed Forces Day

This year, Armed Forces Day in the UK is on Saturday 25th June. People celebrate the men and women who serve and have served in the armed forces.

What Is Armed Forces Day?

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show support for the men and women who serve the country in the armed forces. Armed Forces Day was first celebrated in 2006.



When Does Armed Forces Day Take Place?

Each year, Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday of June. The celebrations for Armed Forces Day begin on the Monday before this. The celebrations begin with the Armed Forces Day flag being raised on famous buildings around the country. The date was chosen as it is close to the date when the first Victoria Cross was awarded in 1857. This is a special award given to members of the armed forces for bravery.

Where Does Armed Forces Day Take Place?

Each year, the Armed Forces Day celebrations take place in one town in the UK. It is called the National Event. Some smaller events also take place in other parts of the country.

How Is Armed Forces Day Celebrated?

There are many ways for people, communities and organisations across the country to show their support and get involved, such as:

- The presentation of medals to ex-service people
- Special parades
- Activities performed on land, sea and air
- Fly-overs
- Royal Marine Commando Display Team
- Military displays
- Firework displays



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Who Are the Armed Forces?

The UK Armed Forces work around the world, promoting peace and supporting people in need.



Royal Army

The British Army is the land-based part of the United Kingdom Armed Forces.



Royal Navy

The Royal Navy is the sea-based part of the United Kingdom Armed Forces.



Royal Marines

The Royal Marines are a specially trained force who deal with a wide range of threats.



Royal Air Force

The Royal Air Force is the air-based part of the United Kingdom Armed Forces.



Reservists

Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the Reserve Forces, to ensure that should their country require them, they would be ready to serve.

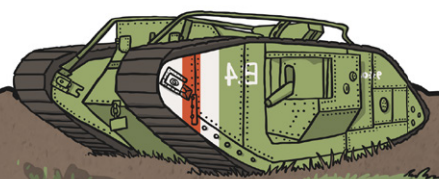


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Armed Forces Day Questions

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2. When was Armed Forces Day first celebrated?

3. What is the name of the main event on Armed Forces Day?

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5. What do the armed forces do?

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Armed Forces Day **Answers**

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Any three answers from:

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Reservists give up their spare time to serve in the reserve forces.