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NATIONAL SERVICE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE UNVEILING

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026 at 1030 hrs

at The Memorial area, County Hall, Dorchester

Attendance:

Chair of Dorset Council, Cllr Stella Jones MBE
HM Lord-Lieutenant's Representative, Colonel Terry Canham DL
High Sheriff of Dorset, Dr Helena Conibear DL
Under Sheriff, Mr Owen Thomas
Mayor of Dorchester, Cllr Andy Canning and Mayoress, Ms Mel Lane
Member of the National Service Veterans' Alliance, Mr Michael Homer
RBL National Vice Chair, Mr Paul Harris GQM
RBL Dorset County Chairman, Mr Leon Meter
RBL Dorset County Committee, Mr Grant Parrott
RBL Membership Council Member, Wing Commander David Taylor
RBL Dorchester Branch Secretary, Ms Carol Lewis
RBL Lytchett Minster Branch, Mr Phil Waddington
RBL Lytchett Minster Branch, Mr Paul Spencer
PSAO C Coy 6th Battalion The Rifles, Captain Paul Muckle
Royal Naval Association Dorchester Branch Chairman, Shipmate Jim Armstrong
Royal Air Force Association Weymouth & Portland Branch Hon Secretary, Mr Tony Warden
DWP Armed Forces Champion, Mr Andrew Kerr
DC Armed Forces Programme Co-ordinator, Mr Nick Harper

Order of Seating

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| Member NSVA | RBL National Vice Chair | HM LL Representative | Chair of Dorset Council |
| Mayoress of Dorchester | Mayor of Dorchester | High Sheriff of Dorset | RBL Dorset County Chairman |
| Under Sheriff | RBL Membership Council Member | DWP Armed Forces Champion | RBL Dorchester Branch Secretary |
| PSAO C Coy 6 Rifles | RNA Dorchester Branch Chairman | RAFA W&P Branch Secretary | DC Armed Forces Programme Co-ordinator |
| | RBL Lytchett Minster Branch | | RBL Lytchett Minster Branch |

Standards in Position for 1030 hrs

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- Welcome by the Chair of Dorset Council, Cllr Stella Jones MBE
- A National Service History read by Mr Grant Parrott, Royal British Legion
- The National Service Life by Mr Michael Homer, Royal British Legion
- The Exhortation will be given by Royal British Legion National Vice Chair, Mr Paul Harris GQM

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: We will remember them

The Last Post

2-minute Silence

The Reveille

- The Kohima Plea will be given by The Royal British Legion
When you go home, tell them of us and say: for your tomorrow we gave our today.
- Unveiling of the National Service Commemorative Plaque followed by photo
- National Service Prayer read by PSAO C Coy, 6th Battalion The Rifles, Captain Paul Muckle
- The National Anthem will be performed by Mr Marcus Adam, Royal British Legion

Refreshments will be served outside following the Commemoration