

# Armed Forces Day

This year, Armed Forces Day in the UK is on Saturday 24th June. People celebrate the men and women who serve and have served in the armed forces.

## History of the Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day began in 2006 as Veterans Day, but was changed in 2009. Gordon Brown wanted to make sure that the service people weren't forgotten.



### Did you know?

- The British Armed Forces is made up of the Naval Service (Royal Navy and Royal Marines), the British Army and the Royal Air Force.
- Armed Forces Day focuses mainly on celebrating living current and ex-servicemen and women.
- Remembrance Day focuses on those who have died.

## Events and Activities

All over the UK, ceremonies and medal presentations are held. There is often a service of thanks, parades and activities like archery, a zip line, climbing and segways. Other areas put on activities such as Red Arrows displays, BBQs, live music, raffles and bouncy castles. People can also buy flags.



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**Any one answer from:**

- **The Naval Service (Royal Navy and Royal Marines)**
- **The British Army**
- **The Royal Air Force.**

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**The living current and ex-servicemen and women.**

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8. What else can people buy?

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- It is an official day but not a national holiday.

## Events and Activities

All over the UK ceremonies and medal presentations are held in local areas. The official national event is held in Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire. There is often a service of thanks, parades and



activities such as archery, a zip line, spider mountain, climbing and baby bouldering walls, a mobile cave experience and segways.

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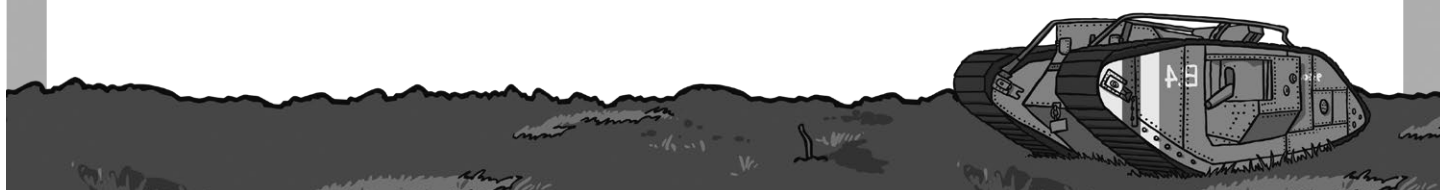
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