14 October 2019

Join us for the RAF Stories Big Weekend!



Date: 2-3 November 2019 Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm Cost: Free Location: RAF Museum Cosford / RAF Museum London / <u>participating venues</u>

The Royal Air Force Museum is teaming up with venues across the country for the 'RAF Stories Big Weekend', a national story collecting event capturing local stories relating to the Royal Air Force. Taking place on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November, the RAF Museum aims to capture hundreds of stories with the help of participating venues and events at both its Cosford and London sites.

Whether you're a veteran, current serviceman or servicewoman, an air cadet or have family links to the RAF, whatever your connection, however big or small, you're invited to attend and share your favorite anecdotes at a venue near you.

RAF Museum Community Engagement Officer - RAF Stories, Jess Boydon said:

"We are extremely grateful to all the participating venues for hosting one the RAF Stories Big Weekend events. With venue's up and down the country taking part, it's easier for members of the public to get involved and ensure their RAF memories are captured. Whether its stories about courage, love, tragedy, friendship, bravery, triumph, humour and everything in between, we hope people will find their local participating venue and take up the opportunity to share their story with us.

Over the last two years, the RAF Museum has recorded hundreds of stories now available online for the public to view. By working together with other venues, the Museum is able to widen its reach and together this catalogue of stories will expand and enrich peoples understanding of the RAF today."

RAF Stories is a global oral history project which digitalizes and makes accessible engaging, historical and contemporary stories of people's personal connections to the RAF and the service's influences on their lives.

All stories captured over the RAF Stories Big Weekend will then be uploaded to the RAF Stories website for audiences around the world to hear first-hand some of the inspirational and ground-breaking recollections from former RAF personnel and their families about their RAF journey.

Whether you have one anecdote or ten to share, join us at the RAF Museum Cosford and RAF Museum London on 2 and 3 November between 10.00am and 4.00pm, or search for your nearest venue on our website **rafmuseum.org**

The **RAF Stories** project is proudly supported by **National Lottery Players** through the **National Lottery Heritage Fund.**

Ends...

Notes to Editors:

About Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF):

Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife.

www.heritagefund.org.uk. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.



- Follow the RAF Museum on social media:
 - **Twitter** @rafmuseum
 - Facebook @RAFMJoint
 - Instagram @rafmuseum
- Royal Air Force Museum London, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am

٠

- Admission is free of charge
- RAF Museum images & logo available at: <u>https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/about-us/media-vault.aspx</u>
 - For further information and all media enquiries please contact
 - LONDON Ajay Srivastava 020 8358 6410 / ajay@rafmuseum.org
 - o COSFORD Michelle Worthington 01902 376212 / michelle.worthington@rafmuseum.org
- All images used should be credited: '©Trustees of the Royal Air Force Museum'