

1st June 2009

Flying Display to Honour National Service Veterans.

The National Service (RAF) Association will be holding their reunion and parade at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Sunday 28th June 2009 from 9.30am.

At 11:00am the parade will fall in and march onto the Cosford airfield before forming up between two of the old airfield Hangars. This year, we are honoured with the presence of the newly appointed Commander in Chief Air Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Moran KCB OBE MVO ADC who will be accompanied by Air Commodore Chris Green, the Commandant of DCAE Cosford.

The parade will be led by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. Visitors and guests will see a display by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire, scheduled for 13:30 (weather permitting). Musical entertainment will be provided by Bridgnorth ATC band, the young men and women who are the future of the Royal Air Force.

This event first came to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford in 2004 and has grown in strength each subsequent year. Last year, just over 3,000 guests attended of which 600 presented themselves for the parade. All Veterans who served their National Service in the Royal Air Force are welcome to participate in the parade, providing them with the opportunity of re-uniting with lost friends and colleagues. Members of the public are welcome to spectate.

National Veterans Organisations, as well as many training camp associations will be represented in Hangar 1 alongside displays of memorabilia. On completion of the formal events, guests will have access to the whole RAF Museum site to catch up with old friends, exchange news and view the exhibits.

The Museum shop will be supporting the event with a book signing. Wolverhampton based author Alec Brew, will be available to sign copies of his new book 'RAF Cosford'. This new publication is a visual tribute to RAF Cosford and the role it played in the history of Britain's air force.

The Museum gates will open at 9am on Sunday 28th June 2009, although the Museum itself will open at 10am. **Museum entry is free.** For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on 01902 376200 or visit the museum website at www.rafmuseum.org.

Notes to Editors:

- Open daily 10am – 6pm
- Admission FREE
- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Photos available on request
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Karen Crick on 01902 376 208 or karen.crick@rafmuseum.org

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