

11<sup>th</sup> May 2012

## **Flying display honours National Service Veterans**

20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Vulcan flypast 12:25pm (weather permitting)**

**Lancaster display 1:00pm (weather permitting)**

**The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster and Vulcan XH558 will be taking to the skies over Shropshire in honour of the thousands of National Service RAF veterans. These iconic aircraft will perform for visitors and guests at the National Service (RAF) Association parade, taking place at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012.**

Starting at 11.00am, the parade will be led by 495 (Sutton Coldfield) ATC Sqn Band and will form up on the entrance roadway to the Museum site. Following a short 100m march, the parade will finish next to the Museum's Hangar 1, where Air Marshal Garwood, Air-DComOps will be the reviewing officer.

This year will mark the organisations 10<sup>th</sup> parade and re-union which has been held at Cosford since 2004. Last year, over 2,000 guests attended the event of which over 600 presented themselves for the parade. All Veterans who served in the Royal Air Force are welcome to participate, providing them with the opportunity to reunite with lost friends and colleagues.

Members of the public are also invited to join in the days activities which will include a Vulcan flypast scheduled for 12:25pm and a Lancaster flying display at 1:00pm (both weather permitting). Entertainment will be provided by vocal group the "D Day Darlings", plus National Veterans Organisations and training camp associations will be represented in Hangar 1. On completion of the formal events, guests will have access to the RAF Museum site where they can catch up with old friends and view the exhibits.

The Museum gates will open at 9am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, although the Museum itself will open at 10am. Entry to the Museum, participation in the parade and viewing the displays 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](http://www.rafmuseum.org).

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- For further information on the NS(RAF)A event, please telephone organiser Mr Pat Honey on 01782 516887
- Open daily from 10am – 6pm
- Admission is FREE

- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
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