Mayor honours military sacrifices for Armed Forces Day

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The Mayor of Hertsmere has remembered the sacrifices of British military personnel as part of special events to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

Mayor Councillor Rabbi Alan Plancey and Mayoress Miriam Plancey were joined by Deputy Mayor Cllr Cynthia Barker and Labour Leader Cllr Jeremy Newmark for the event held today outside the council's Civic Offices in Borehamwood in which the Armed Forces flag was raised in unison with other flags across the country.

Representatives from charity the Royal British Legion (RBL) and different faiths were also present for the occasion. It was one of many flag-raising ceremonies which took place across the country, ahead of Armed Forces Day on Saturday 29 June.

The bugler, Adrian Temple, performed The Last Post and The Reveille, while Fred Grimes, an RBL representative, read the Exhortation and the Kohima Exhortation.

Following the flag raising, a one minute silence was held before the Mayor's Chaplain Rabbi Elchonon Feldman read out the Armed Forces Prayer.

Mayor Cllr Rabbi Plancey said: "I just cannot emphasis enough the importance of the role performed by the men and women who make up our armed forces. They work around the world to defend the UK and its interests, promote peace, deliver aid, tackle drug smuggling and fight terrorism.

"Armed Forces Day is a way that we can come together as a nation to recognise their outstanding dedication and commitment in the service of their country."

"Personally, I found being able to lead today's ceremony was a great honour. We will be flying the Armed Forces flag outside our offices all week as a small token of our thanks and appreciation."

The Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment from public and private organisations in the county, to support the active and retired Armed Forces community living and working in Hertfordshire. Whether you are leaving service and looking to settle in Hertfordshire, are a reservist living in the area, or have any other connection with the Armed Forces, they aim to give support when
Armed Forces Day aims to raise public awareness of the contribution made by those who serve or have served in the armed forces.

Anyone who is holding an event can register for free on the Armed Forces Day website.

Alternatively, those holding an event to recognise Reservists should visit Reserves Day.

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