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Press Release

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Re: United Kingdom Armed Forces Veterans Badge

Glenda Jackson MP set to hold Veterans Badge ceremony in honour of Armed Forces Veterans.

Glenda Jackson, MP for Hampstead and Highgate is preparing to celebrate and recognise Armed Forces Veterans and their contribution to the nation, by holding a Veterans Badge Ceremony, and is contacting veterans and Pensioners Associations in the area to let them know about the UK Armed Forces & UK Merchant Seafarers Veterans Lapel Badge.



The HM Armed Forces Veteran's Badge, which was launched in 2004, is designed to be worn on civilian clothing to enable the public to recognise veterans in their community and the contributions they have made.

Anyone who has enlisted in HM Armed Forces is eligible to receive the award. Included are also the Cyprus Regiment, Home Guard, and Polish Forces under UK Command who served in World War II. A separate UK Merchant Seafarers Veteran's Badge has also been introduced, as a special version of the HM Armed Forces Veteran's Badge to reflect the unique relationship that the Merchant Navy and fisherman have held with the Armed Forces over the years.

The Veterans Badge can also be issued posthumously to War Widows or Widowers receiving a War Widows or Widowers pension paid by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency.

A Bevin Boys Badge has also been introduced for men who were conscripted directly into the mines, those who opted for mine work in preference to joining the Armed Forces, or those who were in the Armed Forces and volunteered to become miners during the period 1943-1948.

Glenda said *"It is vitally important we recognise the contributions of our men and women who have served our country with such bravery and distinction, and the HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge is our chance to recognise the*

services and achievements of the Armed Forces Veterans both old and young who live amongst us in our community. In the last year alone almost 550,000 veterans were issued with badges, and I am hoping that with my campaign, we will see more of the veterans here in Hampstead and Highgate getting the recognition they deserve”.

I would be delighted to act on behalf of anyone wishing to apply, and urge anyone eligible to get in contact with my office where we can take care of all the necessary arrangements”.

Glenda is planning on organising an award ceremony to present the Badges in mid-July, and anyone wishing to take part will need to contact her office before the 16th June, with their NI number, HM Forces Service or unit, British Service number, and the period of service they have worked.

Please contact Glenda’s assistant on 0207 219 4008 or email farzaneht@parliament.uk, or alternatively write in to her office at The House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA.

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