

Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum

(Activities and timeline 2015-16 & 16/17)

Date	
2015-16:	
April, 2015	Planning underway for Caerphilly Armed Forces Day parade and celebrations in Newbridge on Saturday, 20 th June, 2015.
9/4/15	Chair and Assistant Lead Officer (ALO) meet with Chair Federation of Small Businesses to further promote the Defence Discount and Privilege Card scheme.
11/5/15	Mayor of CCBC, Cllr David Carter presents a cheque to his designated charities, including the RBL Poppy Appeal, following fund raising during his mayoral year in office.
14/5/15	Chair attends WG Armed Forces Champions event in Wrexham, where presented update on work of CAFF, as a result of CAFF activity being identified as “best” practice. Presentation delivered and WG Minister for Public Services and Armed Forces in attendance.
28/5/15	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meeting at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta. Agenda, Notes and activities & timeline (as at 21/5/15) circulated. Presentations from “Hire-A-Hero” & Veterans Welfare Service (Veterans UK).
29/5/15	WG Minister for Communities & Tackling Poverty opens housing development on Newport Road, Bedwas, where two of the units were funded by WG capital funding (£160,000) to provide housing for personnel leaving the Armed Forces. Partnership between WG, CCBC & United Welsh Housing Association.
2/6/15	“Champion” and ALO attend the 21 gun Royal Salute to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Coronation Day at the Pierhead, Cardiff Bay.
3/6/15	Gwent (ABUHB) Armed Forces Forum meeting at Torfaen CBC Offices, Pontypool. Notes & presentations circulated to CAFF members.
7/6/15	“Champion” and RBL arrange re-dedication ceremony at the War Memorial at Aberbargoed, attended by Civic Dignitaries, local Councillor’s and soldiers from 203 (Welsh) Fd.,Hosp.
11/6/15	Chair and ALO meet with RBL Information & Advice Officer re- Bargoed Library Outreach service.
11/6/15	Chair & ALO meet with “Change Step” Peer Mentor re – services provided in Caerphilly county borough and support required.
13/6/15	“Champion” attends attend the 21 gun Royal Salute to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Official Birthday at the Pierhead, Cardiff Bay.

20/6/15	Caerphilly Armed Forces Day Parade & celebrations in Newbridge. Supported by Royal Welsh, 203 (Welsh) Fd. Hosp., Cadets, RBL, local school children and of course our public. Very positive feedback received.
23/6/15	"Champion" and ALO attend the Ministerial launch of the WLGA "Supporting Service School Children in Education, Wales) guidance at the Senedd, Cardiff Bay.
9/7/15	"Champion" attends Armed Forces Employer Engagement event at Newport.
10/7/15	Chair, ALO and CCBC Communications Manager meet with Chief Custodian for CADW South Wales at Caerphilly Castle re- feasibility of bid for 14-18 NOW "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red Poppy" installation. Reports being prepared for consideration of CADW and CCBC Management teams. Awaiting response from CADW.
14/7/15	"Champion", Chair, ALO and CCBC Communications Manager meet with BSM of 217 Bty., 104 Regiment Royal Artillery re - charity log pull from Caerphilly to Aberbargoed to take place on 18/7/15.
22/7/15	Chair and ALO meet with Adjutant of 203 (Welsh) Fd., Hosp. re- mutual update and briefing.
25 & 26/7/15	CAFF marquee and military village at Caerphilly Big Cheese event, supported by Royal Welsh, 104 Regiment Royal Artillery, REME, Logistics Corps., Army Cadets, RBL, SSAFA, The Poppy Factory, Change Step, DMWS, Hire-A-Hero, CAB and CCBC Armed Forces team exhibiting. Public participation and feedback very positive.
29/7/15	Chair delivers presentation to Caerphilly county borough Town and Community Councils on the work of CAFF and Armed Forces community covenant.
August, 2015	Chair and Champion met with South Wales Armed Forces Day Committee (at their request) to explore feasibility of hosting event in Caerphilly county borough.
7/8/15	Chair and Champion visit SSAFA office at Raglan Barracks, Newport.
3/9/15	"Fly the Red Ensign" ceremony at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta attended by Mayor, Leader of CCBC and Chair of Caerphilly LSB, MPs, AMs, Chair of CAFF and AF Champion and members of the Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum.
3/9/15	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meeting at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta. Agenda, Notes and activities & timeline (as at 18/8/15) circulated. Presentations from "Change Step".
8/9/15	Chair and ALO meet Sgt Steve Perham, 614 Squadron, RAF Reserve, Ty Llewellyn, Cardiff to discuss work place recruitment opportunities.
8/9/15	Chair and ALO attend MOD Armed Forces Covenant Fund presentation briefing at Reserve Centre, Ty Penallta, Cardiff.
2/10/15/	Chair and ALO brief Lt. Col. A. S. Tuggey, High Sheriff for Gwent on the work of CAFF.
9/10/15	Armed Forces Day Committee, Chair, Champion and CCBC staff undertake site visit exploring feasibility of holding AFD 2016 in Caerphilly.
12/10/15	Chair, Champion and ALO attend SSAFA AGM at Raglan Barracks, Newport.
15/10/15	Chair and ALO meet with RBL Advice and Information Team Leader re - Outreach services.

27/10/15	South Wales AFD Committee announces that AFD 2016 will be held on 25 th June in Caerphilly.
5/11/15	Gwent (ABUHB) Armed Forces Forum meeting at Raglan Barracks, Newport. Chair, Champion and ALO attend.
18/11/15	Chair, Champion and ALO attend WG Armed Forces Champions event held at Army Battle School, Dering Lines, Brecon.
3/12/15	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meeting at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta. Agenda, Notes and activities & timeline (as at 20/11/15) circulated.
6/1/16	Chair, ALO and CCBC Communications Manager meet with Custodian for Caerphilly Castle (CADW) re- bid for 14-18 NOW "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red Poppy" installation. New locations for installation within site being considered by CADW.
8/1/16	Chair, Champion, ALO and CCBC Communications Manager meet with the High Sheriff of Gwent, Lt. Col. Andrew Tuggy DL, who briefed on the proposed Wales launch of X-Forces organisation initiative, requesting that Caerphilly CBC consider hosting the event. Launch will be held at CCBC Offices on 11 th March, 2016. Circulated to CAFF members.
3/2/16	National Free Swim for Armed Forces (Wales) initiative launched by Leighton Andrews AM (Minister for Public Services, with responsibility for the armed forces community), along with Ken Skates AM (Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism) at Risca Leisure Centre (CCBC) with CCBC Leader and CAFF Armed Forces Champion in attendance. Invite circulated to CAFF members.
11/2/16	Chair, Champion and ALO meet with Inspire2Work team (Coleg y Cymoedd) re- their support to Service Leavers, Veterans and the wider Forces Communities across Caerphilly and RCT local authority areas. Inspire2Work team to attend next CAFF meeting on 3 rd March, 2016 to brief members.
16/2/16	CADW and CCBC progressing application for 14-18 NOW "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red Poppy" installation. If successful the installation will be sited at outer East Gate of Caerphilly Castle sometime in 2017.
18/2/16	Gwent (ABUHB) Armed Forces Forum meeting at Blaenau-Gwent CBC offices, Ebbw Vale. Chair and ALO attend.
3/3/16	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meeting at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta. Agenda, Notes and activities & timeline (as at 16/2/16) circulated.
11/3/16	Wales launch of X-Forces organisation initiative at CCBC Offices, Ty Penallta.

2016 / 17	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum events & activities by date.
28/4/16	British Legion Surgeries AM at Penallta house by appointment
29/4/16	ABHB Time to Talk Event to address loneliness
30/4/16 – 4/9/16	"War's Hell": The Battle of Mametz Wood in Art
23/5/16	Cllr Alan Higgs attending Reserve Forces & Cadets association for wales Annual briefing in Cardiff
25/5/16	British Legion Surgeries AM at Penallta house by appointment
2/6/16	Caerphilly Armed forces Forum meeting Penallta house 10.30 am Ebbw room
2/6/16	Forces in Mind Trust report launch of mental and related health needs of veterans and family members in Wales The Haydn Ellis Building, Maindy Road, Cardiff University from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm,
10/6/16	Royal Gun Salute for HRH Duke Edinburgh
11/6/16	160 Brigade Musical festival with 21 gun salute Cardiff Bay
20/6/16	Upper Rhymney Valley Armed Forces Day celebrations Flag raising ceremony 10 am
20/6/16	Caerphilly Armed Forces Day celebrations Flag raising ceremony 13.30
23/6/16	British Legion Surgeries AM at Penallta house by appointment
23/6/16	Careers transition fair 10 – 3 City Hall Cardiff
24/6/16	Royal Navy invitation to attend HMS Canon Cardiff bay for Armed forces Champion 16.30 – 21.00
25/6/16	CAFF Marquee at Armed Forces Day in Caerphilly: In attendance Hire A Hero, SSAFA, Caerphilly Citizen Advice Bureau, Veterans Welfare service, Police & Crime Commissioner, Caerphilly Police, Change Step, Poppy Factory. Muni Project and Remploy
1/7/16	Service for Battle of the Somme 7.30 Cenotaph Caerphilly
30&31/7/16	CAFF small stand at Big Cheese in Caerphilly. Provide leaflets to Mandy if you want them displayed
1/9/16	Caerphilly Armed Forces Forum meeting Penallta house 10.30 am Ebbw room
2/9/16	Merchant navy Flag raising at Penallta House
24/9/16	MEMO Concert
9/10/16	Integrated Serpent Exercise in USA
7/11/16	Rededication of WW1 memorial plaque at Rhymney Comprehensive school
18/12/16	RBL FREE Christmas concert at Abercarn working men's club 12.00 noon
6/2/17	Royal Gun Salute