

## RAFSC&TSW ASSOCIATION AUTUMN UPDATE

### Association Represented at Freedom of Stafford Parade, Battle of Britain & RAF 100 Services — 16 Sep 18



A contingent from your Association was present at the annual TSW Freedom of Stafford Parade and Battle of Britain Commemoration, in recognition of the Centenary of the RAF.

A Flight of Members paraded with TSW, local Cadets, RAFA and emergency services in Stafford Town Centre, in front of an enthusiastic crowd, the salute being taken by Wg Cdr Jamie Miller MBE, Commanding Officer of TSW. Local dignitaries participated: the Mayor, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and Councilors adding to this special event.

Following a service of Commemoration in The Collegiate Church of St Mary, wreaths were laid at the Borough and County War Memorials, our Association Wreaths standing out with RAF roundel background and a message from your Association.

Although the event was primarily a signal of appreciation to TSW by the Borough of Stafford, The Servicing Commandos were remembered during the Church Service, wreath laying and at the social gatherings afterwards.





### **CENOTAPH - 11 Nov 18**

As you'll have heard, the Association has secured 50 places for the march past at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday this year. The interest in participating was tremendous and unfortunately, many Members had to miss out this year - they will be 1st on the list next year! New Committee Member Wayne Shelton has invested much time and effort in preparing the Association for this, our first appearance as an Association at the event. The significance of the RAF Centenary year and commemoration of 100 years since the ending of WW1, combine to make this an undoubted highlight for us and more information flows from Wayne via [cenotaph2018@tswscdoassn.co.uk](mailto:cenotaph2018@tswscdoassn.co.uk) and on the Facebook page.

A special update will be published after the event.

### **REUNION WEEKEND 2019**

It's worth mentioning here that Wg Cdr Jamie Miller will hand over Command of TSW in Oct 18 to Wg Cdr Tom Stevenson. Jamie is posted to Washington DC (not Tyne & Wear) to work on the F35 Programme and we wish him very best fortune in that key role. Jamie has been a great supporter of our Association; without his efforts, our activities would be severely curtailed and much harder to enjoy!

In preparing the ground for Tom (a kenspeckle figure on the Wing) we have agreed that the 2019 Reunion Weekend will commence with the Annual Dinner at MOD Stafford Sgts Mess on Friday 28 Jun 19 and the AGM, lunch and Families Day will be Saturday 29 Jun 19. Some double rooms have been reserved at the Tillington Hall Hotel (no singles available), £64.45 single occupancy; £78.90 double occupancy per room per night B&B inc VAT. Reserve with your Credit Card quoting "David Orr", "RAF" or anything else that seems appropriate.....but don't delay!

Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Cenotaph in November.

Yours Aye

David

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Chairman