

# Christmas Party Special



THE  
**NOT FORGOTTEN**  
ASSOCIATION  
From Comradeship To Challenge™



Not forgotten then...  ...Not forgotten now

I really don't feel another year older, although looks may tell a different story, but here we are at the end of a busy year, having just enjoyed the 'best ever' Christmas Party at The State Apartments in St. James's Palace.

In attendance were 305 guests, 35 Service Helpers, 63 performers and artists, over 40 military charities and organisations, and all representing the whole Armed Forces Community and Merchant Navy. No wonder it was such a good party and we were hugely privileged that HRH Prince Michael of Kent joined us and met so many beneficiaries. This event epitomised what we do; we bring everyone together so they can enjoy the banter and camaraderie of Service life, find a moment to break free from everyday life and enjoy something uniquely special with those who have a common bond - friends. Please enjoy the photos, there are many more on our website.

As we look forward to our Centenary in 2020 we very much hope to continue working with all the Service Charities and organisations in 2019. But we need to do more and so please help us Find the Forgotten - those who need help but have not been reached. Together we can make a difference.

All of us at the NFA wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and thank you for your support throughout 2018. Onwards to 2019.

**James Stopford, Chief Executive**





James Fox



Boney M



Margaret Keys



The JTI Choir



Froback Dance Group



Richard Arnold

Whilst our tea party at St. James's Palace is our flagship Christmas event, over the course of eleven days the Association also hosts seven Christmas lunches across England and Scotland, and funds another in Belfast. Over 800 beneficiaries are treated to a full Christmas lunch of roast turkey and all the trimmings, Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and glass or three of wine, whilst listening to the fabulous music of the indomitable Swingtime Sweethearts. Head to [www.nfassociation.org/news](http://www.nfassociation.org/news) to read the full article.



We would like to extend a big thanks to the three service charities who help fund our Royal Christmas Party, which makes such a difference to the lives of all our guests:



We would also like to thank a few of our other supporters and partners, who have helped us at this time of year: The Westminster Foundation, The Veterans' Foundation, Help for Heroes, The Elizabeth Frankland Moore and Star Foundation, Seafarers and the Hareball Centenary Fund.

Please note that the office is closed from 12:00 on 20th December - 3rd January

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