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IN OTHER NEWS...

FABULOUS FUNDRAISERS

It's been a brilliant month for fundraising - we can't thank our amazing volunteer fundraisers enough for everything that they do! Head to www.nfassociation.org/news to see what some of them have been up to!



£30,000 FROM THE GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

The Not Forgotten Association would like to extend an enormous thank you to the Garfield Weston Foundation for their phenomenal grant of £30,000! This will allow several hundred beneficiaries enjoy our varied programme of outings, including sporting events, boat trips on the Solent and ceremonial events.

£25,000 FROM THE ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY

A BIG thank you to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity for their grant of £25,000! We are very fortunate to have the support of great service charities like the RNRMC and by working together like this we can help our mutual beneficiaries effectively.

There is no rest for the wicked and so despite our Chief Executive being away on holiday, the office is running full steam ahead with our programme of events. With autumn looming, we have got much to look forward to over the next few months, but as you'll see below the team have also managed to fit in a lot over the final weeks of summer. From tea parties in Derbyshire and boat trips on the Thames, to kayaking in Norway and some very competitive quoits playing in Buckinghamshire, we've had something for everyone and have supported almost 200 individuals from several partner organisations. Most excitingly, with two extremely generous grants from the Garfield Weston Foundation and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, we can continue to support many more beneficiaries in the future. Teamwork really does make the dream work...

The NFA Team

NAVIGATING NORWEGIAN FJORDS

"I felt like part of the family again right from the word go"

From 3rd - 6th September, 15 beneficiaries from 10 different service organisations, including Blind Veterans UK, took to the fjords in Norway for two days of beautiful scenery, camping and a lot of fun. Kindly funded by Help for Heroes, the trip provided a fantastic opportunity for a group of individuals to meet new people and make firm new friendships. Within hours the group were behaving like old friends, sharing stories of past adventures and their military experiences. By the following morning, thanks to the snorers in the dorm rooms, there was a lot of laughing and joking around the breakfast table which was vital in building up each individual's confidence and encouraging teamwork - a vital component when packing up kayaks with equipment and setting up camp in the evening. A very physically challenging trip - paddling against the tide and head wind was hard work - the atmosphere was relaxed and jovial throughout and there was plenty of opportunity to have fun and enjoy the spectacular scenery along the way. Thanks must go to Help For Heroes for funding the trip, and to Craig and Emily - our fab guides from Nordic Ventures - who made the trip such a success.



FAMILY WEEKEND AT BRANDENHAM MANOR

"I haven't shown a real smile for years, but this smile is legit"

Surrounded by the rolling Chiltern Hills, Brandenham Manor in Buckinghamshire is a peaceful retreat from the hustle-and-bustle of life. Formerly the home of the British aristocracy, and once playing host to Queen Elizabeth I, the house is impressive to say the least. With such an illustrious history, it only seems fitting that The Not Forgotten Association - with huge thanks to Grant Thornton, Philip Roschet and all the staff - should take 39 beneficiaries to Brandenham Manor for a weekend of fun, games and some relaxation. Harking from 12 different military associations, the oldest beneficiary on the trip was 83 and the youngest was 42. Having become acquainted with each other at a barbecue and quiz on the Friday evening, competitive spirits were running high on the Saturday as the group, split into smaller teams, went head-to-head in egg and spoon races, human horse races, quoits, mini golf, skittles and croquet. Jocaró - a new game invented for the weekend by Rosie Thompson, Johnnie Ray and Carrie Brawn - was a particular highlight but the fun did not stop there - an evening packed full of mess-type games had everyone smiling and laughing over dinner. Rosie would like to make a special mention to Johnnie and Carrie for their help over the weekend.



FESTIVAL OF BRITISH EVENTING

Over the weekend of 3rd-5th August, 21 beneficiaries and their guests traveled to Gatcombe Park for The Festival of British Eventing, by kind permission of HRH The Princess Royal. The Festival of British Eventing wrote a fantastic article about the NFA. Head to www.nfassociation.org/news to read their kind words.



FESTIVAL OF BRITISH EVENTING

From 1st - 2nd September The Not Forgotten took a small group of veterans to one of the annual Association of Dunkirk Little Ships events. This commemorative flotilla gathers together all the surviving small vessels that took part in Operation Dynamo, and has been happening since its conception in 1965. A fine time was had by all on both days and we were pleased that 8 military and regimental organisations were represented. Thanks go to Standard Bearer volunteer Terry Grimwood who kindly represented the NFA by looking after the group on Sunday, but also to the Dunkirk Little Ships Association for having us.



TEA PARTY IN DERBY

"It was such a pleasure to see everyone enjoying themselves, more importantly enjoying the social interaction that can be sadly missing in a lot of the veterans life's on a day to day basis."

It may have been a soggy and grey day on Wednesday 29th August, but nothing could dampen our spirits as we entertained 90 veterans, from 17 different associations, with afternoon tea and a concert performed by the Swingtime Sweethearts at the Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club in Derbyshire. Generously funded by the Forces Trust, not only were all three services and the Merchant Navy represented, but we were very pleased to welcome the Wigan Veterans Support Hub for the first time.



Want to get involved?

You can donate, set up your own fundraising page, or sponsor one of our existing fundraisers on our BT My Donate Page. Go to:

www.btplc.com/mydonate

...and search "Not Forgotten"

Or why not volunteer?

To join our amazing team of volunteers and find out more about upcoming fundraising events please email Bianca:

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