

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: The Defence Contribution



- Great Britain hosts the Olympic and Paralympic Games from 27 July to 9 September.
- The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) is responsible for planning and running the Games, and is working with the Home Office, the Police and Defence to make sure they are a success.
- In support of the Home Office, the Armed Forces will provide a maximum of 13,500 regulars and reservists from all three Services. They will play a significant role in Olympics Security.
- The Armed Forces will help celebrate Olympic sport by contributing to ceremonial elements of the Games including: the Olympic Torch arrival and relay, the arrival of Olympic teams in Great Britain, and during the opening, closing and medals ceremonies.
- All 3 Services have athletes hoping to compete in the Olympics and Paralympics. We are proud of their achievements in striving to compete at the highest international level. Other Service personnel are taking part as officials, and MOD property is being used as venues for some of the Olympic sports.
- During the Olympics, other commitments overseas and in the UK will continue to be fully supported and Op HERRICK continues to be the Defence main effort.



1. The Armed Forces are providing a wide range of

a. Royal Navy. The RN is providing critical

Command and Control and helicopter landing

facilities from HMS Ocean in the Thames and

HMS Bulwark, off Weymouth, helicopters for

air security, patrol boats on the Thames and in

Weymouth; bomb disposal teams and venue

b. Army. The Army is providing helicopters for

air security, bomb disposal teams, logistic

support, Rapier and High Velocity Missile Air

Defence assets, a high-readiness emergency

reaction force and venue security personnel.

jets operating from RAF Northolt and helicopter

platforms for snipers for air security; Air Defence

command and control and Radar Capabilities;

air traffic control; working dogs; bomb disposal

capability and venue security personnel.

containing further information on some of

the various military assets available to the

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Armed Forces during the Games can be found

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d. Military Asset Factsheets: Factsheets

c. **Royal Air Force.** The RAF is providing Typhoon

Where we are now

assets to Olympics Security:

security personnel.



- e. **Venues.** The Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, is hosting the Olympics Shooting events, while Horseguards Parade in Central London is the venue for the Beach Volleyball competition.
- 2. There have been 4 major Security Exercises to test Commanders and troops and make sure we have the right people and equipment in place to successfully deliver our Security contribution.
- 3. The most recent, Ex OLYMPIC GUARDIAN successfully tested the Armed Forces' support to Olympic security and attracted considerable domestic and international media attention. The exercise showcased all three Services' personnel and equipment, The Exercise aims of communicating messages of REASSURANCE to the public at home and abroad and DETERRENCE to those considering disrupting or attacking the Games were achieved.
- 4. Community Engagement. Talks are being held to prepare Borough councils and the local population in London and Weymouth for the military presence during the Games, to help manage their expectations and ensure they understand the impact of an increased military presence.
- 5. **Public Relations.** An Olympics Key Messages Card and Public Relations aide-memoire has been issued to all personnel involved in the Games. Extra copies are available through the Chain of Command.



- 6. Ceremonial. Other high profile events have included a display at Horseguards Parade by the Foot Guards to mark 100 days to go until the Opening Ceremony, and the announcement by LOCOG of Armed Forces participation in Olympic Ceremonies.
- 7. Olympic Torch Relay: The Torch arrived at Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Culdrose on 18 May in the presence of HRH, The Princess Royal, Sebastian Coe, The Mayor of London Boris Johnson and David Beckham. The torch is now travelling around the UK until 27 July, passing within 1 hour of 95% of the population. Some Armed Forces personnel will carry the Torch, and many units are planning events to support the relay. The Armed Forces have also been asked to escort the Torch in London during the last week of the Relay.
- 8. Athletes. Team GB will not be finalised until early July, but all 3 Services have athletes in the running to compete in the Olympics or Paralympics, including some Servicemen and women who have been injured on Operations. Some military athletes representing Foreign & Commonwealth nations have already secured places in their national teams. It is a great achievement for them to have made it this far and congratulations and support must go to all of them.



To come

- Reservist Mobilisation. Members of the Reserve Forces are being mobilised to assist with Venue Security.
- 2. Security Tasks. Most personnel taking part in Security have already been selected and briefed. It is a significant task to ensure the Security of the Games, and all personnel should remember the trust and responsibility that has been placed in them, whatever their security task entails.
- Questions about Op OLYMPICS should be addressed through the chain of command.

Link to Olympics Portal and Military Assets Factsheets:

http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/ Home/Central/2012GamesOlympicsParalympics/2012G amesOlympicsAndParalympics.htm

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