

Welcome to the **e**-newsletter of



From left: David Muir (Continued Air-Worthiness Manager) John Duckett (Stores Manager); James Whitby (Accountable Manager); Roy McLellan (HRFCA); Jodie Ewen (Executive Assistant and Student Liaison); Mark Moraetes (Chief Engineer); Geoff Sloan (Licenced Engineer and CAM Assistant). David, John, Mark and Geoff are all Armed Forces veterans.

## RAF AIR CADET PILOT TRAINER SIGNS AFC

Tayside Aviation Ltd has signed the Armed Forces Covenant, becoming one of the 9,000+ organisations to have pledged support to the Armed Forces community. The Covenant – a commitment to support the country's service personnel wherever and however an organisation can – was presented at Tayside Aviation's base at Dundee Airport on 18 January.

HRFCA Regional Employer Engagement Director Roy McLellan handed over the certificate to Jodie Ewan (Executive Assistant and Student Liaison) and James Whitby (Accountable Manager). Tayside Aviation Managing Director Willem Marais first signed the Covenant in November last year.

As well as signing the Covenant, Tayside Aviation also received the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) Bronze Award.

Tayside Aviation has been delivering flight training for 53 years. It is a UK CAA Approved Flight Training Organisation delivering all courses from Private Pilot Licence to a full Airline Licence. For over 30 years, Tayside Aviation has delivered the RAF Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS). Their Dundee base is home to 20 light aircraft, classroom training facilities and engineering support services.

Willem said: "As a leading flight training organisation, Tayside Aviation works closely with many members of the Armed Forces, from those taking their first steps into a career in the RAF to veterans training to become flight instructors. We have a number of ex-military personnel, including myself, in our senior management team so our connection with the Armed Forces is one that is very important to us. We are extremely proud to continue our close association by supporting the Armed Forces Covenant and are delighted to receive our ERS Bronze Award."

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## Everiss Scholars visit Scotland

Two students from Otaki College, New Zealand, visited Scotland this month.

They are Everiss Scholars, with their UK visit funded through the scholarship named after Royal New Zealand Air Force Pilot Officer Carlyle Everiss, killed on 2 October 1941 when his Spitfire crashed at Cowie, Stirlingshire.

Guests (pictured left) assembled at Cowie Bowling Club on January 16 for a memorial service at the Everiss statue.

The scholars also visited Edinburgh Castle and, in addition, toured RAF Lossiemouth with Robert Gordon's College Combined Cadet Force Contingent Commander Wg Cdr Daniel Montgomery and RGC member of staff Gregor Duncan.

To find out more about Carlyle Everiss, click [HERE](#).

## ARMED FORCES COVENANT AND VETERANS REPORT 2022

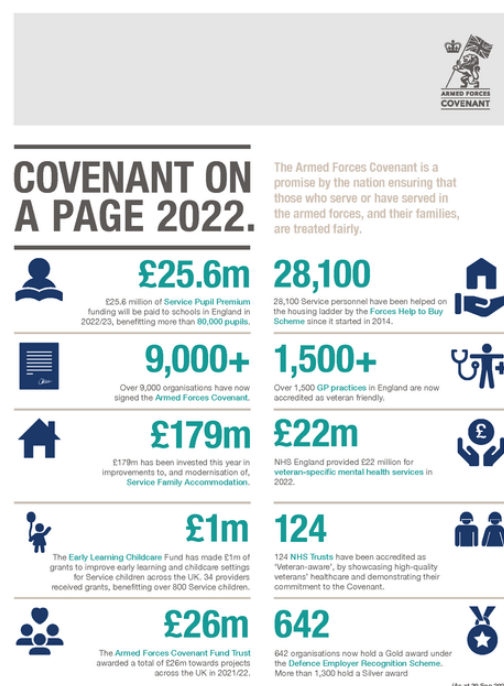
The 11th Annual Report on the Armed Forces Covenant and Veterans was published by the UK Government last month.

This sets out the major achievements of the Armed Forces Covenant and the Strategy for our Veterans, and highlights remaining challenges and new commitments.

It covers the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022, and it is the Government's annual update to Parliament on delivery against both the Covenant (as it applies to Service personnel, veterans, their families and those who are bereaved) and the Strategy for our Veterans.

The report covers actions that the UK Government and the Devolved Administrations have taken during the reporting period to deliver the Covenant and the Strategy across the UK – in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

To access the report in various formats, click [HERE](#).



## Combined 48 years of service to ACF

Two Army Cadet Force Adult Volunteers have been recognised for their commitment to the young people of Ross-shire with a combined service of 48 years.

Sergeant Major Instructor Lorraine Woolley (58) and Lieutenant Callum Campbell (59), from 1st Battalion The Highlanders' Ross Company, were recently presented with clasps to the Cadet Forces Medal at a Ross Company Training Weekend in Dingwall.

SMI Woolley – who is Shooting Officer for Ross Company – was presented with the 3rd Clasp to the medal which recognises 30 years of service to the cadets. Lorraine is the Battalion's longest serving female Adult Instructor, having joined the cadets in 1992 as an instructor with the Battalion's Inverness Company. Lt Campbell, who is a Detachment Commander for the Company's Portree Detachment, was presented with the 1st Clasp of the Cadet Forces Medal which recognises 18 years of service. Both instructors (pictured) were presented with their Clasps by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ross & Cromarty, Mrs Joanie Whiteford.

