



Soldiering On Awards 2025 Salutes Excellence Across the Armed Forces Community

Last night, Tuesday 15 July 2025, the Finalists of the Soldiering On Awards 2025 were honoured at a prestigious ceremony in the Cholmondeley Room and Terrace of the Palace of Westminster.

Now in its 15th year, the Soldiering On Awards recognises those who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to support the military, veterans, and their families, while strengthening the resilience and cohesion of British society.

From ground-breaking organisations to exceptional personal courage, this year's incredible and inspiring finalists reflect the very best of public spirit, service, and innovation.

Hosted by Rt Hon Earl Howe GBE PC, Patron of the Soldiering On Awards, the glittering reception welcomed 160 guests, including finalists across 12 categories selected by independent and category judging panels.

Now, two categories have opened for public voting:

- Animal Partnership Award
- Inspiration Award

The public is invited to cast their votes by Sunday, 3rd August 2025. [Voting happens here.](#)

The Awards not only celebrate remarkable achievements but also spotlight the dedication and professionalism that define the Armed Forces family.

The 2025 Awards echo the call of the Strategic Defence Review for a complete and societal approach, not just relying on the Armed Forces, but engaging civilians, businesses, charities, and communities to build resilience and safeguard national interests.

Minister for Veterans and People, Alistair Carns OBE MC MP, who spoke at last night's event said:

“The 2025 Soldiering On Awards finalists embody the very best of our Armed Forces community, and I’m delighted to congratulate them all on their well-deserved recognition. Their selfless commitment goes beyond duty, demonstrating what it truly means to serve your country, and this government is committed to renewing the nation’s contract with those who serve”

Ren Kapur MBE, Chief Executive of the Soldiering On Awards, commented:

“For 15 years, the Awards have recognised the strength and heart of the Armed Forces community and in so doing we have been able to share so many remarkable stories of endeavour and achievement. This storytelling is the heart and soul of the Soldiering On Awards and serves as a huge inspiration to both the military family and British society itself.

“Thank you to all of our generous partners, not least Centrica for supporting the Finalists Reception. Congratulations once again to our incredible finalists!”

You can learn more about our wonderful partners and meet our extraordinary finalists at www.soldieringon.org

Chris O’Shea, CEO of our Finalists Reception Partner Centrica, said:

"Centrica is incredibly proud to stand alongside the Soldiering On Awards and recognise the remarkable achievements of the Armed Forces community. With more than 500 individuals from the Armed Forces working across Centrica, from gas engineers to commercial directors, we are incredibly impressed by the talent, leadership, and resilience these colleagues bring. This is why we’re committed to welcoming hundreds more in the years to come, to lead the charge to Net Zero, and deliver a secure, sustainable, and affordable energy system."

Public voting for the Animal Partnership and Inspiration Awards closes Sunday, 3 August.

Winners in all 12 categories will be announced at the Soldiering On Awards Gala on Wednesday, 22 October at Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London, hosted by broadcasting legend Jeremy Vine.

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About the Soldiering On Awards:

Now in its 15th year the Soldiering On Awards is an unparalleled programme that recognises outstanding achievement in the Armed Forces community. Individuals, groups, and organisations are showcased, including serving personnel, veterans, and family members, across twelve diverse categories. The year-long series of interactions and events encourages positive storytelling, unites respected judges from the community, celebrates the shortlisted finalists across the UK, and culminates in a spectacular Awards Night.

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