



- 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.

Where we are now

1. The Armed Forces are providing a wide range of assets to Olympics Security:
 - 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 security personnel.
 - 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.
 - c. **Royal Air Force.** The RAF is providing Typhoon 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.
 - d. **Military Asset Factsheets:** Factsheets containing further information on some of the various military assets available to the Armed Forces during the Games can be found at: <http://defenceintranet.diiweb.r.mil.uk/DefenceIntranet/Library/CivilianAndJointService/BrowseDocumentCategories/OpsOpTrain/ModOlympicsFactsheets.htm>
- 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.

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

1. **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.
3. 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/2012GamesOlympicsAndParalympics.htm>

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