

Cleverly: Conservative Party signs up to Armed Forces Covenant

The Prime Minister and the Conservative Party Chairman have signed the Armed Forces Covenant, formalising the Conservative Party's commitment to supporting veterans and forces personnel.

The Conservative Party is the first political party in the UK to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, which recognises the contribution of serving personnel, veterans and military families.

In a keynote address to Conservative Party members, the Party Chairman, James Cleverly, will say that he is proud to have veterans, reservists and cadet volunteers represented at every level of the Conservative party. Signing the Armed Forces Covenant will formally recognise the commitment and dedication of the Forces family.

The Party will now offer reduced price conference passes to veterans, proactively advertise employment vacancies to the veteran community and strive to accommodate the training and deployment commitments of Reserves. The Party already offers concessionary membership rates to serving or former members of the Armed Forces.

This builds on the work of the Conservative Government to support the Armed Forces. Since 2010, the Conservatives have enshrined the Armed Forces Covenant in law, launched the first ever UK-wide Veterans Strategy and awarded ID cards to all veterans, making it easier for ex-forces personnel to access specialist support.

One of Boris Johnson's first acts as Prime Minister was to establish the Office for Veterans Affairs, responsible for ensuring Government departments deliver on their responsibilities to veterans.

Commenting, James Cleverly MP, Chairman of the Conservative Party, said:

"Our Armed Forces are some of the most committed and dedicated people in the country. Their bravery should be acknowledged formally and I'm delighted that the Conservative Party has done so."

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