



### Headley Court nurses visit disabled veterans at The Royal Star & Garter Homes

Residents at The Royal Star & Garter Homes were delighted to welcome RAF nurses stationed at Headley Court, the Armed Forces Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) when they recently visited the Surbiton Home.

The disabled veterans shared a morning with the nurses participating in various activities together. After taking a tour of the Home, the nurses joined in with a lively dance session, aptly titled "wheels and heels on fire", before taking a much-needed break and an opportunity to chat with residents.



*Corporal Alex Doyle enjoying a dance with residents*

Group Captain Teresa Griffiths, remarked, "The care here is spectacular – all of my nurses have commented on it. I love the



*The Headley Court nurses enjoying their tour of the Home*

*parallel nature between The Royal Star & Garter Homes and Headley Court. Although the people we care for are at very different stages of their lives, we share the same objective: to deliver the highest standard of care possible. I also love the range of activities on offer and how the residents are encouraged to participate – that's another way Headley Court and The Royal Star & Garter Homes are similar in their approach to offering*

*first-class care."*

The Charity's Director of Care & Service Development, Pauline Shaw, commented, "As a military charity it is always a great pleasure to welcome serving personnel to our Homes. These visits mean a lot to our residents, and help maintain their military connections whilst finding out about life in the Forces today."



*Headley Court nurses with (from L-R) activities co-ordinator Carla Kedzierski, Director of Care Pauline Shaw, Group Captain Teresa Griffiths and Activities Manager Raquel Pena Aristizabal*

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## **About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:**

### **The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.**

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2018.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

The Charity celebrated its centenary in 2016: providing specialist care for disabled veterans since 1916.

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