



Help Veterans' Charity to honour Buckinghamshire Heroes

The Royal Star & Garter Homes, a charity which cares for disabled military veterans, is asking the local community to help name the floors of its new care home in High Wycombe.

The state-of-the-art Home will be completed in late 2018 and the Charity would like to name the floors after military heroes from the Buckinghamshire area. The public is invited to nominate local Servicemen and women, past and present, and share their inspiring military story.

One such High Wycombe resident was Anthony 'Bugs' Bendell, who ranked amongst the RAF's most talented fighter pilots of his generation. Bugs grew up in the shadow of the Second World War and, from an early age, dreamed of becoming a fighter pilot. In 1953, at the age of 17, he joined the RAF. During his 35 years of service, Bugs was widely regarded as one of the RAF's most skilled fighter pilots of the Cold War period.

After a successful flying career, Bugs came to live at The Royal Star & Garter Homes until his death in 2016. His widow Jules, a local High Wycombe resident, remains a great friend of the Charity.



Former Royal Star & Garter Homes resident, Anthony 'Bugs' Bendell, during his RAF Service

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The competition is open until 30th November and entries can be made via the Charity's website www.starandgarter.org. Winners will be invited to a special naming ceremony to see their hero's name become part of the new veterans' care home.

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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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