

## **Weston-Super-Mare Armed Forces Weekend 2018**

The ROCA had a star roll in this with both the 12 Group and ROCA National Standards being paraded.



The opening parade was led by the band of the Royal Marines







Chris Shire with the National Standard



Ed Baker with 12 Group Standard

At the closing service the ROCA National standard along with the Union Flag was used for the drumhead service and led the marchpast where the inspecting officer was Air Marshal Young.

It seems we are becoming integral to the parade and service as we also looked after the two Air Cadets who carried the Union Flag one on each day. I have to say that they both (Jack on Saturday and Leanne on Sunday) did a superb job, it cannot be easy to do with all the eyes of the crowd on you and also being under the gaze of a very senior officer when you haven't carried in public before. We also received thanks from the parade marshal for helping to ensure they were properly briefed before having to parade.

The ROCA stand was manned by Jenny Morris with help from Edward Baker, Bryan Butler, Chris and Trish Shire. The stand attracted much interest and possibly some new members as people have moved to Weston and didn't know of the ROCA. Our presence last year did result in quite a few new members both for our own and other groups because of people visiting the for the air show.



Trish, Jenny and Bryan manning the stand

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This year we had ROCA members from Coventry visit who came down for the day to watch the air show and found a welcome at our gazebo along with some much welcome shade.



Doug and Ann Sayers with Malcolm and Dianne Sayers from 8 Group



Air Marshal Julian and Helen Young with the Mayor and Mayoress of Weston-Super-Mare visit the ROCA stand