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Mr R Ward, Town Clerk

**PRESS RELEASE**

THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN MARCH  
COMMANDO LOGISTIC REGIMENT

RMB CHIVENOR

THURSDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019

Barnstaple streets will resound with music from the band of the Royal Marines on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, as The Commando Logistic Regiment march through the town to exercise their right to the Freedom of the Town.

The Freedom was officially granted to The Commando Logistic Regiment by Barnstaple Town Council in July 2018 in recognition of the historical connections and contribution to the Town and special relationship between Barnstaple Town Council and its community.

This Honorary Freedom means that The Commando Logistic Regiment, Royal Marines will be entitled to march through the Town on occasions with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

The march organised by RMB Chivenor and Barnstaple Town Council, will set off from Taw Vale at 11.00 a.m. and will travel along through the High Street to Mermaid Cross, down North Walk and Castle Street to the Strand, where the salute will be taken, and back around the Square to Taw Vale. Road closures will be in place from 9.30am until 1.00pm and can be found on the Town Council's website: [www.barnstapletowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.barnstapletowncouncil.gov.uk)

Commanding Officer, RMB Chivenor Lt Col Alderson says *"It is a fantastic honour to have been granted the Freedom of Barnstaple and given the opportunity to exercise the inherent rights that privilege brings. Of the units based at RMB Chivenor the Commando Logistic Regiment has the longest history with Barnstaple and all our Royal Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and civilian staff are truly grateful for the close relationship and support from the town and local area. Keeping the base open means our men, women and families from all over the UK and Commonwealth can continue to enjoy living here and serving the Crown on your behalf"*.

Mrs Kate Graddock, Deputy Town clerk said *“The Town Council regards this event as a chance to celebrate The Commando Logistic Regiment at RMB Chivenor and is proud to be hosting the Freedom Parade in honour of the regiment. This will be the first time The Commando Logistic Regiment will be marching through Barnstaple, since it was awarded freedom of the town. This really is a special event and we hope the people of Barnstaple will come out and show their support”*.

The Town Council is selling hand-held flags from Barum House (opening hours 10.00am – 3.00pm). The flags cost 25p each with all profits going to The Chivenor Remembrance Garden.

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**Note to Editor:**

The Honorary Freedom of the Town is the highest honour which the Council can bestow. It is conferred upon people who have, in the opinion of the Council, made an eminent and distinguished contribution to the life of the Town.

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