

Historic Home for Lee Victory Festival









Picture taken with the Directors from Montserrat Events CIC, Jonathan Moore, Alan Parry and Vaughan Bidewell with Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council (centered) As the organiser of the Lee Victory Festival event and with the support from my fellow Directors and amazing volunteers, I am privileged to be able to bring the event to a historic location such as the old WWII airfield, HMS Daedalus now Solent Airport @ Daedalus and is owned and operated by Fareham Borough Council.

With the support from the council leader Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council we now have the necessary permissions to make this announcement. What is significant for this location is that the former HMS Daedalus airfield during Operation Overlord on the 6th June 1944 saw 435 sorties flown from here making it the busiest single airfield on D-Day. In all, over 2,000 sorties were flown from this airfield, the majority in the first ten days of operation.

Now as Solent Airport @ Daedalus it provides an amazing space for the event to be located and really does lend itself to the name of the event as the efforts from this airfield ultimately led to the allied forces WWII 'Victory'.

For the Parade element of the Lee Victory Festival, this will still take the 1.1m route in Lee on the Solent assembling in the old home of Royal Navy in Daedalus. Starting along Richmond Road, Montserrat Road, High Street and Marine Parade to take the salute and see the air display. Once the parade has finished the main event will commence on the airfield off Daedalus Drive.

For all event information such as tickets, entertainment and timings please visit the event website www.leevictoryfestival.co.uk and follow the event on Facebook. Lee Victory Festival Please share with friends and family and let's make this a memorable event for all to enjoy.

Jonathan Moore – Organiser: Montserrat Events CIC Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, said "Fareham Borough Council is proud to be supporting Lee Victory Festival by hosting a major part of the event at Solent Airport @ Daedalus. The iconic airfield, its aircraft and crews played such a decisive role in D-Day that it is natural to include it in the festival.

The armed forces are a huge part of our communities and it is right that we celebrate their contribution in this way. It is also good to share an event between Fareham and Gosport, both proud towns steeped in military history."

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