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Normandy Veterans to lay up Standard in Canterbury Cathedral

The Normandy Veterans Association (Canterbury Branch) will be laying up its colour on 27th June 2007. The brief service will begin at 12 noon in the part of the Cathedral Nave known as the Compass Rose – close to the Nave altar. Attendance is by ticket only but the Press are welcome to attend. The Normandy Veterans Association commemorate all those men who fought on and after D Day in 1944 to liberate France, Belgium and the Netherlands from enemy occupation; the youngest members of the Association are therefore nearly 80 years old and many members are even older.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Mr Allan Willett, will be represented by Group Captain Patrick Tootal, OBE, DL, RAF (Retd.). The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Canterbury, the National Chairman of the Normandy Veterans Association (Mr. Ed Slater), the National Secretary (Mr. Peter Hodge) and the Chairman of the Canterbury Branch (Mr. Frank Risbridger) will also be present. The service will be taken by the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd Robert Willis. Prayers will be offered for peace, freedom and justice throughout the world, for all who dedicate their lives and skills to the well-being of the human race, and especially those who bring relief where there is suffering.

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