

Why did I become a Platinum Member of the Army Flying Museum?

There are hundreds, if not thousands of worthy causes in the UK. That been said, the main reasons I support the Army Flying Museum are:

- 1. I have a general interest in 'all things' aviation, especially Army Aviation.***
- 2. I have always enjoyed visiting the museum and normally go a couple of times each year.***
- 3. My family and friends often remind me that I'm a typical Yorkshireman and that I'm 'careful' with the finances. Despite this, as time goes on the more it seems fitting to provide support when and if possible. I support the Army Flying Museum because I believe it is a very worthwhile endeavour.***

Why the interest in the Army Flying Museum & Army Aviation?

That's easy - I served for 20+ years in support of Army Aviation. As a veteran, my experiences mainly related to helicopter operations during the Cold War period. I was in the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME) and being a 'greenie' by trade, I looked after aircraft avionic systems. I served with the Army Air Corps mainly in the UK & Germany but also spent some time in the Far East. My time within Army Aviation was probably the most defining phase of my adult life and I had the pleasure to serve alongside many talented engineers, ground and air crew.

Why is the Army Flying Museum special to me?

Firstly, I don't think you need to have a military background to enjoy a trip to the museum. The Museum caters for individuals of all ages and interests and does a great job of sharing the story of the Flying Soldiers. Personally, I find the Museum very special because:

- 1. As a fan of aviation in general I enjoy the displays. The hardware is interesting but it's the people that make the story.***
- 2. I enjoy the on-line lectures. During the COVID pandemic I enjoyed the Lock Down Lectures and I suppose they were the catalyst for supporting the museum. The modesty, humour and honest passion shared during the lectures is wonderful.***
- 3. When I visit the museum, I always take time at the memorial and remember those who made the ultimate contribution.***
- 4. My family are all interested in aviation. As a tangible bonus, being a Platinum Member allows us to visit the museum, as often we like, doing something we all find enjoyable.***