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A year of beautiful Military Moments

A collection of beautiful photos of children and their parents who serve in the British Armed Forces have been brought together into a special Military Moments calendar for 2017. The calendar, which is being launched today by the charity Little Troopers, will raise money to help support over 150,000 children who have a parent serving for their country.

Louise Fetigan, Founder and Operations Manager of Little Troopers said:

“This is the charity’s fifth calendar, but the first to have photos from all three of our Armed Forces. The pictures show many of the emotions experienced by a Military family from waving goodbye to Daddy’s ship, the happiness when they come home and the tough times while they are away. We are lucky to share some very special moments with our families through these images; it is a great privilege.”

15 photos were selected for the calendar’s pages and front cover along with a montage of the shortlisted photos on the back page. The charity launched a competition for the calendar and three were selected for prizes.

- **First prize** went to – Harvey-Logan Holt (12 months old in the photo), whose parents are both serving in the Royal Air Force. The photo of Harvey was taken at a very special photo shoot after Dad had just returned from another tour of duty. Mum Senior Aircraftwoman Lucy Holt (23) said “I’m completely over the moon that my little man has been chosen as your 2017 calendar winner. It feels amazing that I can ring my husband who is currently deployed and tell him that his little man was this year’s winner. We are super proud of him.”
- **Second Prize** went to – Kian Roche and his Dad Engineering Technician Adam Roche; the winning picture was taken at HMS Lancaster's homecoming in Portsmouth dockyard in December 2015 after a very long nine-month deployment. This was one of the first pictures taken Adam and Kian aged 3 at the time (now 4) after coming alongside. Mum Stevie Roche said “Kian stayed embraced like this with his Dad for most of the day I think he was a little afraid to let go.”

- **Third prize winner** is Charlie Duckworth and his Dad Lance Sergeant Peter Duckworth. The picture was taken when Charlie was 11 days old. Mum Megan Duckworth, said, "I am over the moon that a photo of my son with his dad is being used for the calendar. I feel so honored and proud." Charlie and his Dad will be featured on the month of June 2017.

Little Troopers supports children with parents serving in the British Armed Forces. They provide fundamental resources, initiatives & events to ease & aid repeated separation periods, aiming to keep parent & child connected & bonded even when miles apart.

The Little Troopers: 'Military Moments' calendar will show a side of forces life very rarely shared. The fifth calendar (2017) will be on sale for £9.99 and can be ordered at www.LittleTroopers.net.

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If you have any further enquiries or would like to set up an interview please call Cheryl Randeria on 07810 697957.

Notes to Editors

Little Troopers, formerly known, as My Daddy is a Soldier Adventures, is a charity that provides support to children and families who have a serving parent away from the family home. These children will quite often celebrate their birthday or Christmas without one or both of their parents and they count down to the day that they will come home. They can be away for one to nine months and often will be in a combat zone.

The charity was born following a very successful fundraising event 'My Daddy is a Soldier Trek 2011' which was arranged by the founder Louise Fetigan. To find out more visit www.littletroopers.net or see their blog