

VICTORIA CROSS COMMEMORATIVE  
DEDICATION CEREMONY

22 APRIL 2018, 10.45AM

THE STRAND, EXMOUTH

*In honour of*  
ROYAL NAVAL LIEUTENANT  
RICHARD DOUGLAS SANDFORD  
11 May 1891–23 November 1918



WELCOME ADDRESS

Councillor Andrew Moulding  
Chairman, East Devon District Council



EXHORTATION

Read by Dave Turner  
President, Exmouth Royal British Legion

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

**All:** We will remember them.

*Last post*

*Silence*

*Reveille*

*Kohima Epitaph*

When you go home tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow we gave our today

INTRODUCTION

Rev'd Mike Beasley, Chaplain USN

We meet in the presence of God, to dedicate this  
monument to the memory of Lieutenant  
Richard Sandford RN who for his valour will be  
ever remembered for winning a Victoria Cross.

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.*

– Isaiah 40



CITATION

Read by Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope



READING: SANDFORD AND HMS C3

Read by Mark Williams  
Chief Executive, East Devon District Council



UNVEILING OF STONE

Chairman, East Devon District Council  
and Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope

*Please turn over*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ADDRESS

Rev'd Mike Beasley, Chaplain USN



READING: SUBMARINER MEMORIES

Read by Councillor Brian Cole  
Mayor of Exmouth



HYMN: ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

1

Eternal Father strong to save  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea

2

O Lord of hosts, to you we turn  
To give us grace we cannot earn.  
Our soldiers guard our way of life;  
Be with them all in times of strife  
Let courage flow from your command;  
We pray for those who fight on land

3

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,  
To all Marines, both night and day  
The courage, honour, strength, and skill  
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;  
Be thou the shield forevermore  
From every peril to the Corps

4

Lord, guard and guide all those who fly  
Through the great spaces in the sky.  
Be with them always in the air,  
In darkening storms or sunlight fair  
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,  
For those in peril in the air!

5

Almighty God, whose arm is strong,  
Protect us e'er from doing wrong.  
We pray to always do what's right,  
For justice only be our fight.  
Let peace now reign across our land,  
Brought to us by your gracious hand

THE LAYING OF WREATHS



THE LORD'S PRAYER AND FINAL BLESSING

Rev'd Mike Beasley, Chaplain USN

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.



CLOSING ADDRESS

Chairman, East Devon District Council

