

Sodexo salutes its ex-services Business Awards finalists

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Sodexo has revealed its five finalists at next week's [British Ex-Forces in Business Awards](#), the world's largest celebration of former military personnel who have transitioned into civilian employment and are excelling in their second careers as part of the wider UK workforce.

Sodexo stated that it is committed to supporting the armed forces community and was an early signatory of the Armed Forces Covenant.

As a partner to the military for over 40 years, the company continually looks to support and provide employment opportunities at every level to those leaving the military and reported that the following have been recognised at [these awards](#):

- Innovator of the Year finalist:
 - David Almond, secretary to the RNTF Board of Trustees, Royal Navy Trophy Centre manager, Future Maritime Support Program
- Lifetime Achievement Award finalist:
 - Kevin Ayton, food services manager, Project Allenby Connaught
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 - John Donnachie, officers mess manager at Merville Barracks, Colchester
- Rising Star of the Year finalist:
 - James Smith, QHSE co-ordinator, Project Allenby Connaught
- Team leader of the Year finalist:

- Mick Wilson, service manager, Project Allenby Connaught

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner taking place at the Grosvenor House, London on 29 June 2023.

Sodexo Government chief executive officer Paul Anstey said: *"This week the focus has been on our armed forces in the lead up tomorrow's Armed Forces Day and we wanted to take this chance to salute five of our colleagues who before joining us were serving members of the armed forces and have reached the final at this year's British Ex-Forces in Business Awards. We are extremely proud and delighted for each of our finalists and we wish them the best of luck for the 29 June."*

"Supporting the Armed Forces plays a key part of Sodexo's Social Impact Pledge. We recognise military-gained skills and qualities translate well into our business and this is showcased brilliantly by the finalists and the many other ex-forces leaders who are part of the Sodexo family."

"It's a fantastic achievement and a testament that people with military careers can truly thrive in a civilian life, while demonstrating the value people with an Armed Forces background can bring to business."