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## **ANDY BURNHAM MP WELCOMES NEW TRIBUTE TO SUEZ VETERANS**

Andy Burnham MP today welcomed a new honour for Suez veterans as he welcomed the announcement that the Veterans' Badge will be extended to those who fought in the conflict.

The Government have announced that the popular Veterans' Badge will be extended to all those who served in the armed forces up to 1959.

### **Andy Burnham MP said:**

"Hundreds of veterans in the Leigh area have already received a Veterans Badge to recognise their service to our country. I'm delighted that the badge is now being extended to include all those who served in our armed forces any time up to the end of 1959. This means that the badge will now be available to those who served during the Suez conflict of 1956.

"As we remember the sacrifices so many made serving our country, we must continue supporting all veterans, young and old. The many heroic acts and sacrifices of our veterans and their families must never be forgotten. This is why I launched a campaign to raise awareness of the badge in the first place.

"Ultimately I want all veterans to be eligible and to cope with demand the Government is extending eligibility for the badge in stages. I am pleased that we have been able to extend eligibility for the badge again to all those who served up until the end of 1959."

Veterans wanting to apply for the badge should get in touch by calling the office of Andy Burnham MP on 01942 248958.