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Army marks 37th anniversary

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The Armed Forces of Malta celebrate their 37th anniversary this weekend with the publication of their journal On Parade tomorrow and a Trooping the Colour parade on Sunday.

On Parade, which will be distributed with The Times, will place particular focus on the Trooping the Colour ceremony, the most important ceremonial parade in the Commonwealth.

It will also highlight developments in the AFM over the past two years, since the publication of the first edition of On Parade, notably the recent major reorganisation of the army.

Various features will cover the work of sections of the AFM, including the Air Wing, which is marking its 35th anniversary and is about to acquire a new helicopter, and the Maritime Squadron, which has been on the front line and on the front pages as the influx of irregular migrants continues. Infantry units, meanwhile, have been benefiting from new training opportunities with foreign forces in Malta itself and abroad.

The issue also features a first-hand account of a particularly tricky rescue operation performed recently by the AFM.

The Trooping the Colour parade will be held at Luqa Barracks on Sunday at 5.05 p.m. and is open to the public, free of charge.

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