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Secretary of State Shaun Woodward and Security Minister Paul Goggins will both attend the Operation Banner service today at St Paul's Cathedral.

Speaking ahead of the service, Secretary of State Shaun Woodward said: **"Today is a unique opportunity to pay tribute to all the men and women who served during the 38 years of Operation Banner.**

**"We will always be in the debt of those whose courage, bravery and dedication were hallmarks of their service in Northern Ireland.**

**"These exemplary men and women are an inspiration to us all and we will always remember those who gave their lives to protect the people of Northern Ireland. Today especially we honour their memory."**