

# PRESS RELEASE

## PLAN B



### The story,

Early this year veteran , Chip Walker (uncle of singer Chanelle Aristide) shared an idea to record a song in order to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE-Day and raise money for the charity DMWS (Defence Medical Welfare Service) who work with hospital Trusts and local authorities to help serving members of HM Forces, veterans and their families when they are suffering from poor health.

Chanelle loved the idea and working with the musicians formed under her alias THE CHAH and producer Roger Betts; a backing track was created of the cover song - Auf Wiedersehen Sweetheart originally recorded by Vera Lynn. Chanelle rounded up the troops and the veterans had their first Zoom singing experience as The Airborne Warriors choir.

The licence for the use of the cover song would soon expire after VE-Day and so Chanelle and Roger – THE CHAH & BETTS decided to write their own song, so that the memory of the experience and tribute to Chanelle’s late Grandfather who fought in WW2 could continue to be shared online without bounds.

With VE- Day only a few days away determination sparked THE CHAH & BETTS into action and in just a few hours they had cropped together a new song using remote options as lockdown dictated to exchange ideas. Song written, a backing track of their original song finished and The Airborne Warriors at the ready it was back to Zoom for **Plan B...**

*‘The song is beautiful and reaches exactly the emotions shared by so many who have been separated in times of conflict’ Chip Walker*

*Plan B - A song to capture hearts and create lasting memories, remembering those shared moments.  
Chanelle Aristide*

**THE CHAH & BETTS** with the song at the ready, set up an online Zoom meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 to record **The Airborne Warriors**, 12 veterans; all ex-paratroopers, to record their vocal parts. The completion means that we have a fantastic modern take on a classic style of song.

A song of remembrance, a song to remind everyone of the love we leave behind.

The song was written in honour of the heroes and heroines in service past and present. The easy melody and catchy music unite people in song and remembrance of signature moments such as VJ-Day, VE-Day and Remembrance events that we shall never forget.

**SONG: PLAN B RELEASED FOR DOWNLOAD - WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2020**



Chanelle Aristide (THE CHAH)



Roger Betts (BETTS)

## SONG RECORDING CREDITS

**Vocals /Lyrics:** Chanelle Aristide (THE CHAH)

**Choir:** Chip Walker, Tommy Onions, Jim Chalmers, Steve Franklin, Rob Eldrett, Robin Hughes, George Cumming, Don McNaughton, David Martin-Nash, Richard Leppard, Bill Coleman, Steve Kallis

**Instruments & Orchestration:** Roger Betts

**Production:** Roger Betts

Recorded at Ashtray Studios, Fleet, May 2020 and remotely by video link May 2020.

**Written by:** THE CHAH & BETTS

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## BIOGRAPHIES

**Chanelle Aristide** is a professional singer who has performed professionally at private and public functions and who writes original music as THE CHAH. Recent project with musician and producer Roger Betts has produced their latest single, 'Saved Me' a song which forms part of the up and coming album.

**Roger Betts:** Musician and Producer—has been working with Chanelle as a recent contributor and producer with THE CHAH. Roger has independent projects with releases where he successfully collaborates, writes and records, with fellow musicians and other great singers.

**Chip Walker**, Age 62, enlisted into the Army Catering Corps in 1974 aged 16, underwent parachute selection and was attached to 7 Para RHA and 2 Para serving in Germany, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium and GB reaching the rank of SGT. Following discharge from the regular army in December 1985, he joined the police and also enlisted into the Territorial Reserve with 10 Para, joining Support Company 1991/92.

(Full biographies available for all veterans upon request)

All of the artists and veterans involved have given their time freely and agree to the use of their image and voice for representation of the song of Plan B, written by THE CHAH & BETTS Copyright 2020.

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## LINKS

**PLAN B – The Music video** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkD6x6L2gJw&t=9s>

**THE CHAH WEBSITE** <http://www.thechah.co.uk/>