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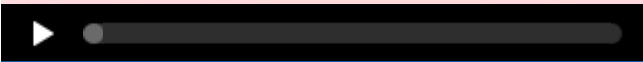
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We're here for the next 100 years

In 2021 we marked our centenary and we're now looking to the RBL's next 100 years



We will continue to support the Armed Forces community in 2022 and beyond



How Branches marked RBL100

Last year we celebrated the Royal British Legion's centenary. For more than 100 years now, Members have been at the heart of what the RBL does and throughout 2021 a plethora of events and activities were held by our Branches and Members to bring communities together and celebrate this milestone. Here is a video highlighting some of these activities and events.

[Watch the video](#)



The National Memorial Arboretum at 20

In 2021 the Arboretum celebrated its 20th Anniversary. Since its official opening in May 2001, the site has grown into an inspirational living landscape where families, friends and comrades can celebrate lives lived and remember lives lost. Now home to more than 400 memorials, the Arboretum is free to enter and is open throughout the year, booking is recommended to guarantee entry.

[Find out more](#)



Annual Conference 2022

This year's conference will take place on 13-15 May in London. Representatives from the Poppy shop, NMA, events and membership teams will be present in the exhibition area to answer Members' questions. The Audit Compliance and Investigations team will also be there and can advise on Branch Accounts and more. Throughout the conference attendees will have the opportunity to meet old friends and chat with other Members.

[Find out more](#)



Falklands 40

The RBL will mark the 40th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict with an [event](#) at the NMA on 14th June 2022. Registration for the event will open in early February, with accreditation being led by the respective military and civilian associations. We are producing a resource pack to help communities commemorate this anniversary. Please click the button below to take this short survey to let us know your thoughts and ideas.

[Take the survey](#)



Network for Carers, more groups to come in 2022



Calling family members of Veterans to take part in the Veterans Family Study

In 2021 we successfully launched our first Network for Carers group at the RAF Museum Cosford and we are continuing to plan for more social groups to bring carers together. The groups will be both face-to-face and virtual, giving carers the chance to access a social support network which brings those with similar shared experiences together. Click the button below to register your interest for our upcoming virtual and face-to-face groups.

[Find out more](#)



Take on Poppy Ride 2022

Whether you are a first time event rider or a sportive enthusiast you can cycle through the picturesque Shropshire countryside in a completely new route for 2022. There will be three distance options to choose from that will start and finish at the Battle Back Centre. Our brand new Poppy Ride South Downs is also launching in 2022. Event entry costs £32 and we encourage you to raise funds to support our vital support for the Armed Forces community.

[Find out more](#)

The RBL is advising on a large-scale research project, conducted by Queen's University Belfast and Kings College London, in collaboration with other universities and Combat Stress, that aims to bring new insight into the drivers of mental health and wellbeing in veteran families. If you are a current or former spouse/partner or adult child of a veteran you can find out more by clicking the button below.

[Find out more](#)

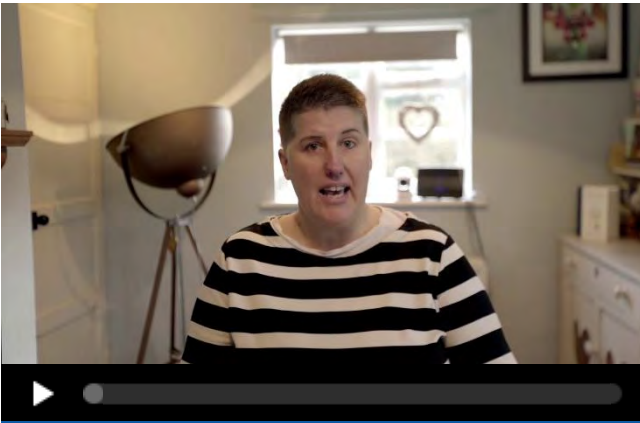


Helping a veteran set up his own business

After completing 22 years of service, Army veteran Tim Mackereth wanted to start a blacksmith business. Tim sent his business plan to the RBL seeking advice and funding and after reviewing Tim's plan the RBL offered funding to buy tools and equipment to set up his business. Ever since, Tim's business has gone from strength to strength and he has also produced pieces for the National Memorial Arboretum.

[Read the story](#)

Did you know that...



It's been 22 years since the lifting of the LGBT military ban. In this video veteran Kate Green reflects on [her time in the Royal Military Police](#) where as part of her job she was investigating military personnel who like herself were hiding their sexuality from the Army.



If you or someone you know in the Armed Forces is struggling, our [Financial and Employment Support team](#) are here to help. Whether you need help with your finances or support to find a job after you've left the Armed Forces - we can help you.

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine November 1937

Led by their National Commander, Mr. Daniel J. Doherty, the delegation, part of the great American Pilgrimage to the battlefields of Europe, paraded with their Standards at the Cenotaph where they placed a wreath. They were accompanied by Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice (President of the British Legion) and other Legion leaders, and representatives of the Government.

This month's poll

What content would you like to see in the membership e-newsletter?

1. Stories of Members/Branches' work
2. Examples of how the RBL helps the Armed Forces community
3. Videos
4. Updates about upcoming events, fundraising activities etc
5. Offers and lucky draws to win products from our partners

6. Other

Take part in the poll

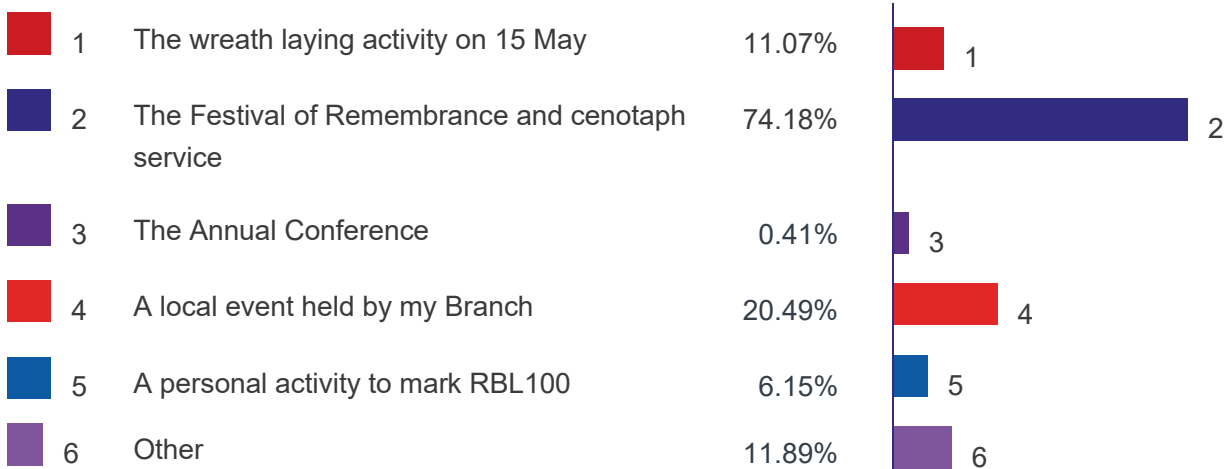
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What is your favourite moment from the RBL's centenary year?

244 Participants

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Encourage others to join

Our members play a vital role in ensuring that the Royal British Legion can continue to provide support to the Armed Forces community as well as upholding the importance of Remembrance. Share this email with others you think might be interested in Legion membership.

Join now

If you have any questions about the e-newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about your membership card or want to change your home or email address please contact our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

Best wishes,

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