

WW1 Victoria Cross Commemorative Paving Stones



Introduction

As part of the remembrance of the sacrifice of the First World War, The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) announced in August 2013, a campaign to honour all Victoria Cross (VC) recipients. Commemoration paving stones will be laid in or as close to the birth place of Victoria Cross recipients over the four year period of the 100th anniversary to remember the act of valour which led to the award. This is to:

- a) Honour their bravery
- b) Provide a lasting legacy of local heroes within communities
- c) Enable residents to gain a greater understanding of how their area fitted into the First World War story.

A total of 628 Victoria Crosses were awarded during the First World War:

- 454 Victoria Crosses were awarded to UK-born recipients; 85 of these were born in London.
- 173 were awarded to servicemen who fought for Britain, but were born overseas. These VC holders will be commemorated in a separate service at the National Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on a date yet to be announced.

The organisers have requested that Royal British Legion Members local to the relevant Borough at which the paving stones are being laid, be invited to represent the Legion and join the Parade at which other Regimental Associations, serving soldiers from relevant Regiment of VC Recipient and ACF and CCF's are taking part.

All Parades to form up 15 minutes before the start time, in direct view of the covered paving stone and where possible front centre. Stood at ease and easy.

RBL Formal Dress Code

On formal parade occasions, Legion members should be appropriately dressed. There is a general consensus that ideally each member present should wear a dark suit/blazer [or for Women's Section a suit or dress, overcoat (if necessary) hat (preferably)], black shoes, etc. A person in a brightly coloured outfit on such a formal occasion seems somewhat out of place. Standard Bearers wear Standard Bearers Uniform

Number 2 Dress, medals and leather is to be worn by serving soldiers.

More detailed parade information to follow for 2015 events.



RBL Standard Bearers and Members notification of specific London Ceremonies - 2015

Lt Cdr	ROBINSON	HMS Vengeance	26-Feb	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Pte	DWYER	The East Surrey Regiment	20-Apr	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
2Lt	WOOLLEY	The London Regiment	20-21 Apr	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
2Lt	GEARY	The East Surrey Regt	20-21 Apr	London Borough of Wandsworth
Midshipman	DREWRY	SS River Clyde	25-Apr	London Borough of Newham
Sgt	STUBBS	The Lancashire Fusiliers	25-Apr	London Borough of Southwark
2Lt	RHODES-MOORHOUSE	Army Co-operation Squadron (RFC)	26-Apr	Westminster City Council
Pte	LYNN	The Lancashire Fusiliers	02-May	London Borough of Lewisham
LSgt	BELCHER	The London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade)	13-May	Kingston Borough Council
Lt Cdr	DUNBAR-NASMITH	HM Submarine E11	19 May - 07 Jun	London Borough of Richmond
Lt and Master	PARSLOW	HM Horse Transport	04-Jul	London Borough of Islington

		Anglo-Californian		
Pte	KEYSOR	The Australian Imperial Force	07- 08 Aug	Westminster City Council
T/2Lt	JOHNSON	Field Company, RE	25-Sep	London Borough of Lambeth
Pte	KENNY	The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	25-Sep	Greenwich London Borough Council
T/2Lt	FLEMING-SANDES	The East Surrey Regt	29-Sep	Lambeth London Borough Council
Sqn Cdr	DAVIES	No 3 Squadron, Royal Navy Air Service	19-Nov	Kensington and Chelsea London Borough Council
Cpl	DRAKE	The Rifle Brigade	23-Nov	London Borough of Tower Hamlets