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Prioritising our veterans' needs

Supporting those who serve us



National Elections 2024-25:
your chance to apply

RBL is recruiting a National Chair, National Vice Chair and three trustees for their Board of Trustees, and 12 representatives for the Membership Council. These roles are vital in helping to shape the leadership of the Royal British Legion. The election window is open from 1st October - 17th January 2025, with the successful candidates taking up their positions in May 2025. If you're interested contact us at elections@britishlegion.org.uk.



RBL helps fund
independent living

RBL's Salisbury branch and Wiltshire County Committee between them donated £17,000 to Entrain Space, a veterans' campus in Wiltshire, to help improve independent living facilities. The money was used to provide washer-dryers to the 44 resident veterans.

Carl Brown, a British Army veteran and Entrain Space resident said: "Having my own washing machine in my flat is going to make a huge difference in my daily life. Not having to rely on the communal laundry may seem like a small change, but it gives me a sense of independence and comfort that I haven't had in

a long time. I'm truly grateful for this donation from the Royal British Legion."



Remember their sacrifice on an RBL Poppy Walk

This Poppy Appeal you're invited to personalise and plant your own poppy tribute in honour of someone you have loved and lost, and in recognition of what others have given and sacrificed for us all. Join us for a short, family friendly walk to lay your poppy tribute and mark Remembrance. Find out more about how you can recognise the lives of Service men and women and help raise much-needed funds.

- [Sunday 27th October – Liverpool](#)
- [Saturday 2nd November – London](#)
- [Sunday 3rd November – Southampton](#)
- [Saturday 9th November – Plymouth](#)



Join us for London Poppy Day 2024

London Poppy Day is RBL's flagship fundraising event for the annual Poppy Appeal. It's a one-day street collection, taking place this year on Thursday 31st October from 7am-7pm, that mobilises over 1,000 uniformed personnel from the Royal Navy, British Army, and Royal Air Force, plus 1,000 veterans, volunteers, and supporters. It's a unique opportunity for communities to engage with uniformed personnel. [Join us for a few hours](#) or more and be part of this exciting and unique day and help us raise vital funds to continue our work.

[Find out more](#)



Member meet up dates for 2024



Membership Engagement Survey

We have some new dates for Member meet-ups in the Midlands, North and Central . They are an excellent opportunity for members to get together with different branches in their region to network, share best practice, and help to build a stronger RBL through engaging workshops and forums. The three upcoming dates will also include a mini exhibition, providing you with an opportunity to talk with RBL colleagues. Venues and timings for the meet-ups will be provided in next month's E-newsletter.

- Saturday 23rd November – North
- Saturday 30th November – Midlands
- Saturday 7th December – Central

Thank you for taking part in the 2024 membership engagement survey earlier in the year – we had a great response. Your feedback will help us improve the membership experience. Overriding feedback is that branches and clubs are a key part in determining membership value and the activities that they offer are important. We are open to your feedback – email membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk to tell us about your membership experience.

Main results



Museum to commemorate Allied Air Forces Memorial Day

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and the formation of the French Air Force Squadrons at Elvington, Yorkshire Air Museum will host a Parade of Standards, a memorial service, a March Past, Sunset ceremony and Salute to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Air Force personnel serving on the base. You are invited to join them on **Sunday 1st September at 1pm**.

Find out more



Teaching the importance of Remembrance to future generations

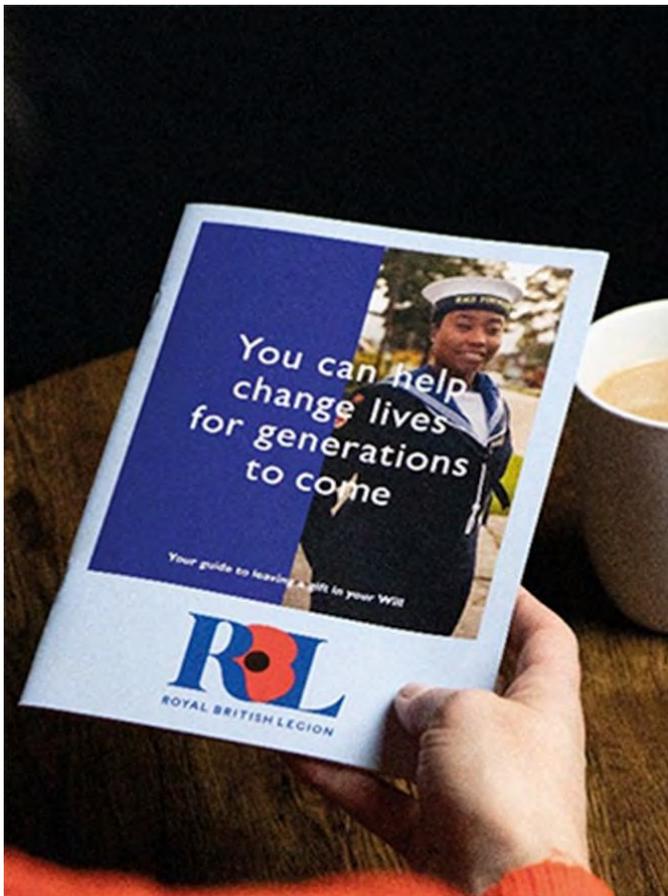
In July we welcomed nearly 700 primary school children to the National Memorial Arboretum for our Teaching Remembrance Days. Inspired by the service of 1944, the event featured a live theatre performance, guided tours and classroom sessions to help young people understand who, how and why we remember. You can [find out more](#) about our upcoming Teaching Remembrance events and learning resources.

[Find out more](#)

March Past the Cenotaph

Applications to march at the 2024 Cenotaph Parade have now closed. If you would like to watch the parade in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday, there will be public viewing areas available. Please check the Gov.UK website for updated information closer to the date.

[Find out more](#)



New webinars to learn how to promote RBL's Gift in Wills

We have several Gift in Wills webinars for members and volunteers based in North West England and Northern Ireland. These 30-minute webinars will provide all the essential information you need to confidently promote Gift in Wills this year. Each person from these regions who attends a webinar will receive a £10 Poppy Shop voucher by email as a thank you for taking part! These are the webinar dates and times:

[Sunday 8th September – 10am](#)

[Monday 9th September – 2pm](#)

[Wednesday 11th September – 10am](#)

[Sunday 15th September – 10am](#)

[Tuesday 17th September – 4pm](#)

[Saturday 21st September – 10am](#)

[Thursday 10th October – 6pm](#)

Contact Supporter Care Team on 0345 845 1945 for more information.



We need your help to make change happen for our Armed Forces community

We recently asked you to contact your MP to help us continue influencing the Government's agenda. Thanks to your support we have reached 300 MPs. We still need more help so that our Armed Forces community are not disadvantaged because of their Service and so that they can [receive the support they deserve](#). Will you write to your MP and be part of the change we want to see for the Armed Forces community?

Contact your MP



Push your limits with the RBL survival challenge

Join us in 2025 for an adventure and raise vital funds for the RBL. Challenge yourself to survive five days in the wilderness and push your endurance to its limit. Set in Dorset woodland



Do you serve in local government or know somebody who does?

RBL welcomes representatives from every level of local government in England and Wales – from Town, Community and Parish Councils to directly-elected Mayors – to be part of [our Councillor Network](#). As a member of the Network you'll receive regular communication about RBL's work, and how local government supports our Armed Forces community. If you don't serve in local government but would like to support our work, you can join our [Campaigner Community](#) and help us improve the lives of the Armed Forces community.

Join our community



Get a third off with the Veterans Railcard

If you've served with His Majesty's UK Armed Forces as a Regular or Reserve, a Veterans Railcard could help you save on rail travel. The railcard gives 1/3 off most rail fares including standard and first class anytime, off-peak and

your group will learn all the skills you need from our survival experts and put your new abilities to the test. Discover essential survival skills including fire lighting and water purification, and learn how to build a shelter against the elements. With fun challenges and much more this is an ideal opportunity to get away from it all.

[Find out more](#)

advance fares across England, Wales and Scotland. You can also nominate a companion to get 1/3 off when travelling with you, while up to four children accompanying you can get 60% off. A one-year Veterans Railcard costs just £30. It's available to buy online and by post, and you can choose to have it on your phone (digital) or to have a physical card posted to you.

[Find out more](#)

[Going back in time](#)



From the British Legion Journal August 1957

Nearly 1,600 relatives were at the unveiling of the Dunkirk Memorial by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. Her Majesty spoke with some of the relatives after the ceremony.

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 your membership or you want to update your contact details, email our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

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