

Our mission is to safeguard the welfare, interests, and memory of those who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces

Branch Accounts Administration : Independent Examinations

Important message from our County Chairman. This is an important aspect of the Royal British Legion's administration of Branches and needs to be highlighted as it has serious implications for those branches that do not comply. Each branch is obliged to have their accounts examined by an Independent Examiner appointed by the RBL. The information below is the format of the letter that will be written by an Independent Examiner to each branch to indicate exactly what is required from their perspective. I have copied it verbatim so that all branches are aware and that they must comply with the Independent Examiner. Please use it as a guideline to ensure that all branches are compliant with the requirements.

Letter of Engagement for an independent Examination

The purpose of this letter is to set out the basis on which I am to act as Independent Examiner of your Branch Accounts and the respective areas of responsibility of the Branch Officers and myself.

Responsibilities of Branch Officers:

As Branch Officers you are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the Branch maintains proper accounting records.
- Ensuring that the Royal British Legion Branch accounting procedures and financial controls are implemented.
- Preparing the annual Branch Accounts in accordance with the Directives of the Board of Trustees.
- Making available to me, as and when required, all of the Branch's accounting records and related information including the Minutes of Branch Meetings.

Responsibilities of Independent Examiner:

As Independent Examiner I have a responsibility to review the books, ledgers, statements, vouchers and all relevant information, including explanations provided by the Branch Officers, to form an opinion as to whether or not the Branch Accounts are in accordance with those books and records.

I have a duty to report whether or not there are any matters to be brought to the attention of the Branch Members, the Board of Trustees or other readers of the accounts, which give reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records have not been properly maintained.
- Accounts are not in agreement with the records.

- Accounts do not comply with The Royal British Legion procedures.

Under directions issued by the Board of Trustees I have a duty to report directly to them such matters of which I became aware during the course of the examination which give me reasonable cause to believe that one or more of the Branch Officers has become responsible for deliberate or reckless misconduct in the administration of the Branch.

Scope of Administration:

My examination will be conducted in accordance with "The Royal British Legion Terms of Reference for Audit or Independent Examination".

My procedures will consist of comparing accounts with the accounting records, making enquiries of the Branch Officers and at my discretion, seeking independent evidence.

An examination is not designed to identify all significant weaknesses in the Branch systems, but I shall report to you any such weaknesses that come to my notice during the examination. The responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud, error or non-compliance with procedures or regulations rests with yourselves. My examination should not be relied upon to disclose all material mis-statements or frauds, errors or instances where non-compliance exists. Once I have issued my report, I have no further direct responsibility in relation to the financial statements for the financial year.

Access to Records:

To facilitate the examination, I shall require access to all documents, statements and books of account in relation to ALL funds of the Branch including the approved accounts for the prior year and Minutes of all Branch Meetings. Would you please arrange for these documents to be available on my arrival.

Fees and Expenses:

There will be no charge for my services, but I would request that the Branch refunds reasonable travel expenses directly to me. (This is a facsimile of the letter that Branch Chairmen will receive).



**Kohima and Imphal battles 1944
Victory in Europe Day 8 May 1945**

Branch Accounts Administration

June 30th will arrive faster than we'd like, so now is a good time for Treasurers to be checking that everything is going to be ready for the Branch accounts to be completed and audited by the 30th September; at the latest.

Accounts should be audited if possible by one of our two RBL Independent examiners, or an independent person who is considered financially inclined. If the latter, please ensure that they are given a copy of the Auditors instructions and letter of engagement. It is obviously very important that an Auditor is aware of our Charity's objects, rules and regulations.

Here is the list of documents that the auditor will need. This can also be found on MAP, Membership Handbook and Auditor instructions.

Checklist of documentation required to conduct an Independent Examination

Branch Certificate at section 1 already signed by Branch Officers

Ledger/Account Book/Cash Book/Computer print out

Bank statements (1 July – 30 June) for all accounts

Bank reconciliations for the period (prepared at least quarterly)

Full list of stock held (badges, wreaths etc.)

Minutes of Branch meetings for the period under examination

Branch Accounts/Income and Expenditure Forms for previous year

Investment statements (if applicable)

Building society pass book (complete to 30 June – if applicable)

Paying-in books

Cheque books + copy of bank mandate

Receipts and payments vouchers

BFI statements

Register of assets held by the branch

Signed copy of 'Authority to Disclose Information Forms' for each bank giving the account(s) held by the Branch

Signed copy of 'Authority to Disclose Information Forms' for each investment company holding Branch investments (if applicable)

Complete and signed MS1 form

The letter of engagement is attached separately.

Finally, if anyone is having problems, or anticipates any, please get in touch with the County Treasurer or Committee so that we can help if we can.

Ges Brown

Hampshire RBL County Treasurer email: Hampshire.treasurer@rbl.community

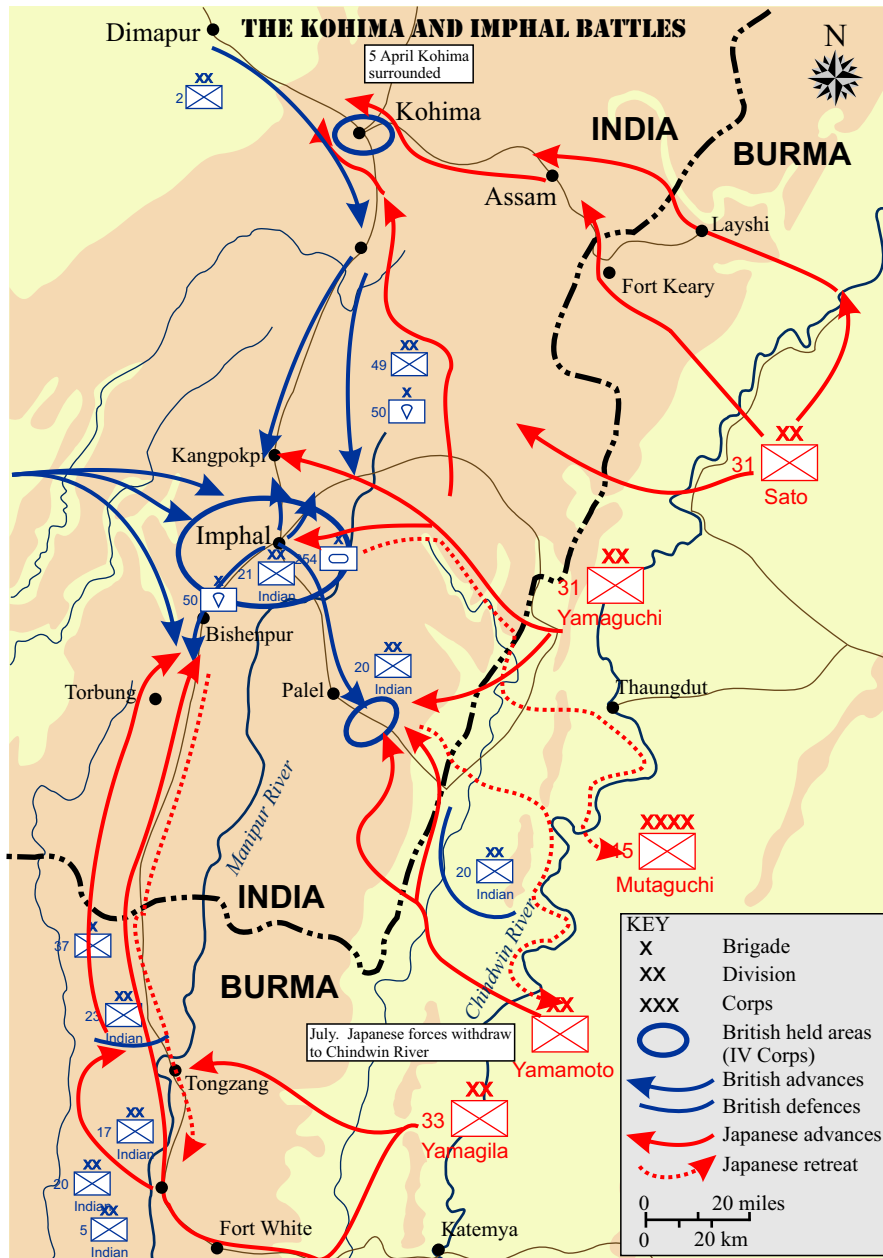
ANZAC Day 2024



ANZAC day took place in Australia and New Zealand to remember the Fallen in both World wars and other conflicts. It does not matter where one lives, the importance of remembering the Fallen who gave their lives for us to be able to live in relative peace today is, for me, a duty that cannot be ignored. They must be remembered for what they died for. These photos were sent to me by my stepson Dion, who lives in Brisbane, Australia. I am grateful.
DW



The Kohima and Imphal Battles 1944



The Battles for Kohima and Imphal 1944

The conflict in the Far East began on 7 December 1941 when Japanese forces commenced with surprise attacks on Pearl Harbour and then in the Far East and the Pacific Ocean area. Within two weeks the Commonwealth forces deployed to protect Hong Kong were attacked by overwhelming Japanese forces and were forced to surrender. By March 1942, Singapore and Rangoon had also fallen. The Commonwealth forces in Burma that were able to withdraw did so over a distance of 1,000 miles through mountainous jungles from Rangoon to India. This was the longest retreat in British military history.

The remaining Commonwealth forces were able to concentrate in the north-eastern Indian provinces of Nagaland and Manipur, on the Burmese border. The British commander, General William Slim drew up a plan to regroup the forces and they then underwent retraining and were resupplied in preparation for a return to Burma to resume the campaign. In 1943 the Commonwealth forces were reformed as the Fourteenth Army with African, Indian, Gurkha and British formations under command. These included units from the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Uganda, Kenya, India, and the United Kingdom. Over the next two years they participated in a training regime to become a formidable fighting force, specialising in jungle warfare.

While the 14th Army was training, two operations were conducted in Burma. The Long Range Penetration Group (the Chindits) under the command of Orde Wingate deployed in February 1943. They had a strength of 3000 soldiers and fought in the deep areas behind enemy lines. The operation lasted three months. The Chindits successfully attacked enemy bases, destroyed railways, and were resupplied by air. They did suffer heavy casualties (half of their force) but proved that the Japanese could be defeated in the jungle. The second operation was much bigger and was known as Operation Thursday. It was launched in February 1944 along similar lines and 9,000 Chindits were airlifted deep into Burma. It was equally successful.

Operation U-Go and the Invasion of India

By 1944 the Allies were gaining strength in India and China. The Japanese were aware of this and in an effort to counter this, launched Operation U-Go against British IV Corps to invade India. The Japanese had already captured large parts of Indo China, including much of Burma and this was their last chance to attack the Allies in the region. Japanese military resources were dwindling rapidly as more and more were needed to engage the US forces deployed elsewhere in the Pacific. Their forces advanced on the Indian border from Burma where several fierce battles took place in February 1944. The main Japanese force, including several divisions under command of General Sato was 85,000 strong and crossed into India over the Chindwin River on 8th March. The culmination of this Japanese offensive took place when their forces surrounded the town of Imphal; the capital of the state of Manipur in north east India. The battle started on the 4th April and ended on 22nd June.

The Battle of Imphal

By April, the Japanese had reached Imphal situated on a vast plain, surrounded by mountains and jungle, and here the bulk of the Fourteenth Army made their stand. The Japanese moved quickly to surround the defenders but, unlike in previous clashes, the Commonwealth troops battled on, resupplied from the air. The fighting was brutal and confused, and groups of men could

be completely isolated for days, fighting for survival.

The Battle of Kohima

60 miles north of Imphal, a small Commonwealth garrison held the town of Kohima, at the highest point of the pass through the impenetrable mountain jungles to Dimapur. If Kohima fell, Dimapur would follow, and the vital supplies for the defenders of Imphal would cease. On 3 April, a Japanese force of 15,000 attacked Kohima. Of the 2,500-strong garrison at Kohima, only half were combat troops. Pushed back in desperate and bloody fighting, they held out on Kohima Ridge. Before the war, the British Deputy Commissioner had lived here, and his house and tennis court became the scene of a brutal hand-to-hand struggle. The ridge had been transformed into a wasteland of blasted tree stumps and shell holes. After a fortnight of constant fighting the garrison held only 350 square metres of ground near the tennis court. Few soldiers remained unwounded, many were almost starving, and all were severely dehydrated. On 18 April at first light, the garrison prepared to make a last stand. The enemy trenches were a few metres away and they were massing for their final attack. The Japanese positions then came under artillery attack as the tanks of the relieving force advanced on their positions. The relieving force pushed the Japanese back and consolidated the Allied position. Directly thereafter the Japanese fought bitterly to hold the many ridges and hills surrounding



Kohima. After four weeks the Japanese soldiers had run out of supplies and were starving. They were finally forced to withdraw in mid-May and the Battle of Kohima was over.

Victory at Imphal

The Allied forces then secured the main road to Dimapur and the defenders of Imphal linked up with reinforcements advancing from Kohima on 22 June. The Japanese were under constant attack from the air and ground. Their supply lines were cut off by Chindit forces and air strikes. The last Japanese attacks on Imphal were conducted in late June without success. On 3 July, after nearly five months of fighting, the surviving Japanese forces withdrew. Over 8,000

Commonwealth servicemen were wounded, killed or missing. Of the 85,000 strong Japanese force that had crossed the Chindwin River in March, less than a third returned. The battles had been fierce. Most of the Japanese losses were because of starvation and disease. The Japanese had suffered their worst land defeat of the war up to that time. Source Commonwealth War Graves Commission. DW



14th Army



IV Corps



2nd Division



3rd Indian Division
(Chindits)



East African
Expeditionary Force



11 African
Division

Remembering VE Day

On the 8th May 1945, the Allies celebrated the defeat of Germany, with the signing of a surrender agreement between the Germans and Soviets (the other Allies signed the agreement in late April 1945), formally recognising the end of World War 2 in Europe. This day forever more will be known as “Victory in Europe Day” (VE Day). Victory against the Empire of Japan did not come for a number of months.

After 6 years of conflict at the cost of millions of lives, Europe was freed. Celebrations took place across to globe on the 8th May 1945 with over a million people massing in Trafalgar Square where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Winston Churchill appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to greet the crowds.

Celebrations reverberated across the country and towns and villages welcomed home those brave men and women who fought to provide the freedom we cherish today. DW



VE Day in London. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill greets the crowds with his famous V for Victory sign.

Leading Seaman Jack Mantle VC, MID

Jack Foreman Mantle, VC was born on 12 April 1917 and was killed in action on 4 July 1940. He was born in Wandsworth, London, on 12 April 1917 and educated at Taunton's School in Southampton. Jack joined the Royal Navy when he was 16 old. He is the only member of the Royal Navy who was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry in the United Kingdom. He was also mentioned in dispatches for shooting down an enemy aircraft.



British harbours were targets for enemy aircraft based in France during the Second World War. When France capitulated in mid-1940 this allowed the German Luftwaffe the use of closer airfields. On 4th July 1940 twenty Stuka dive bombers attacked Portland Harbour. Part of the protecting force was the armed merchant cruiser HMS Foylebank and one of its 40 mm rapid-fire pom-pom guns was manned by 23-year-old Leading Seaman Jack Mantle. At the time of the attack Jack Mantle had already seen action as a naval gunner on convoy protection duty and had shot down a German raider with a Lewis light machine gun while serving on a French ship and for this feat had been Mentioned in Despatches. He was on duty when the German aircraft attacked with machine guns bombs. His exemplary gallantry under fire was witnessed by HMS Foylebank's Captain, P.J. Wilson. HMS Foylebank was sunk by the enemy and Jack Mantle lost his life. His citation for the Victoria Cross tells the story.

"Leading Seaman Jack Mantle was in charge of the Starboard pom-pom when HMS Foylebank was attacked by enemy aircraft on the 4th of July, 1940. Early in the action his left leg was shattered by a bomb, but he stood fast at his gun and went on firing with hand-gear only; for the ship's electric

power had failed. Almost at once he was wounded again in many places. Between his bursts of fire he had time to reflect on the grievous injuries of which he was soon to die; but his great courage bore him up till the end of the fight, when he fell by the gun he had so valiantly served."

Two other crew members, Leading Seamen Thomas Couzins and George Willis Gould were awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for their participation in the defence of the harbour. Acting Chief Petty Officer John Sansome and Leading Seaman Arthur Glanville Otley were Mentioned in Dispatches.

The recommendation for the award of the Victoria Cross was approved by Admiral Sir William James, the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth. His VC was presented to his parents, John and Jeannie Mantle, by King George VI at Buckingham Palace in June 1941.

This was the only occasion that the Victoria Cross has been awarded for action in British territorial waters. Jack Mantle is buried at the Royal Naval Cemetery on the Isle of Portland, in the Church of England Portion, Grave 672. In his memory the Yeovil Sea Cadet unit bears his name "T. S. Mantle V. C." in his honour. There is a brass memorial



Victoria Cross, 1939-45

to the left of the main entrance doors of the Southampton Maritime Museum. It used to be in 'Jack's Corner' at the City's Central Sports Centre. A children's play area is named after him where it was originally situated. Jack Mantle's VC and other medals are on loan to the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth. There is also an inscribed stone tablet in memory of Jack Mantle at the Nothe Fort in Weymouth which was unveiled in June 1987 at the 11th reunion of the Foylebank Association. In 2021, Mantle was remembered in the form of a new, permanent Portland stone memorial plinth, plaque and bench, overlooking Chesil Beach. This is situated opposite the Heights Hotel, Portland, Dorset. Thanks to Maj Mark Holden RC Sigs. DW

The Women's Land Army

When the majority of men were called to do duty in the armed forces farm workers were needed to work on the land to produce food and tend livestock. A recruiting campaign was launched for women to join the Women's Land Army and do this vital work. By 1943 there were approximately 80,000 women serving. They came from all walks of life and did a variety of tasks. These included digging ditches, cutting hedges, muck-spreading, ploughing, planting, harvesting fruit and crops, haymaking, threshing and more. The women were issued a uniform of fawn coloured shirts, corduroy breeches, a brown felt hat (on which was worn a badge as shown) as well as a pair of black rubber Wellington boots. Some women provided their own leather boots as an alternative. They were also provided with a bottle green jersey. As the war progressed there was a general shortage of uniform items and when the black Wellington boots were damaged they were sent off to the Dunlop Rubber Company to be repaired and returned to their owners.

The organisation produced their own magazine called The Land Girl that provided handy tips on the work and maintenance of uniforms. One of the more "exciting" jobs some of the women had was rat catching! On occasion the odd rat ran up open trouser legs so the women began to tie string around their ankles to secure the trouser legs. This handy tip was provided by a contributor to the magazine! DW



Women's Land Army hat badge



Training Matters

This is an important message from our County Training Officer, John Davies. Please take note as it affects all branches.

When I accepted the role as CTO, it came with a health warning; "Hampshire does not have a good record in respect of training – apathy reigns!" I made a note of the reasons I expected members to give for not training and within the first month I had received them all either verbally or by email or from frustrated Branch Officers unable to generate any desire to train from their colleagues. No prizes for guessing but the most used were:

- I've done this for years and know what I am doing.
- I'm a volunteer and don't have time.
- I don't want to.
- I did the training when I took on the role (20 years ago!)

The reality is simple. As a charity we have to have governance in place and that includes ensuring that those who volunteer for Officer and Committee roles are properly trained. This is to protect you, our Branches and our beneficiaries from doing something that could have serious repercussions, not only for the RBL but also for the persons concerned.

We are starting to see more engagement but, there is still some way to go. Across the County, we only have 32 persons that are currently registered to use the 'Discover' platform. This is the only way that you can access training. You can register with your Rbl.community email or with your personal email. I recommend the later because roles can change but please do not register with both!

Branch Management

The Branch Management training is a 3 part pathway and all parts have to be completed.

The first part is online, does not take long and covers 3 modules: Branch Management basic overview, Data Protection (membership) and Safeguarding Adults).

The 2nd part is a one-day face to face session. I expect to be programming these shortly. However, if you have done this

element in the recent past and can evidence it, I can arrange for you to be exempted this part. That said, I recently reminded a colleague who trained in 2020 that there have been some changes and he may wish to join in anyway.

The 3rd part is a webinar and this covers, amongst other things, an overview of BCS.

Treasurers Course

To date, the County Treasurer and 5 x Branch treasurers have completed this course. It is an online course and, now would be a good time for treasurers to complete the training in preparation for end of year reporting. The really positive news is that a couple of Branch chairmen have also completed the training so that they can support their treasurers.

Independent Examiners

The IE course is nearing completion and should be online soon. You don't have to be an accountant to become an IE. We currently have two trained IEs in the county and would welcome more to share the workload for EoY reviews. If this is something you would like to get involved in, please take the training opportunity when it becomes available; taking the course does not oblige you to become an IE but we would certainly welcome you into the fold.

Branch Community Support – New Supporter

This training course has been face to face and delivered by the L&D Team, but the courses have been too far away to realistically attend! A number of our members raised this as an issue and, as a consequence, L&D have developed an online version which is delivered over two evenings. These courses are now available to enrol on

So, in short, to access training you have to be registered on Discover. You do not need MAP access to do this and you can (and preferably should) register with your personal email at <https://learn.britishlegion.org.uk>

If you have any questions, do please contact me at Hampshire.cto@rbl.community

John Davies

County Training Officer

Memorials in Hampshire: Ecchinswell



Petersfield Branch News

On 10th April 2024, Petersfield's Town Mayor, Cllr JC Crissey, awarded the Petersfield Mayors Award (the highest civic award that the mayor can present) to the Poppy Appeal Organiser and branch Standard Bearer Darren Hare for services to the veteran community. Darren is always prepared to carry the Standard at any request and has done so at the Nuclear Test Medal presentations and at funerals, at the request of the families as well as at all of the annual services that take place in Petersfield. As PAO Darren runs the very successful annual Poppy Appeal for the Petersfield Branch, which has raised over £30,000 over the last few years. He is also a key part of the Remembrance Day planning committee. Aside from this, he also helps run the Petersfield Armed Forces Drop-in Centre and never avoids an opportunity to help any member of the Armed Forces community in Petersfield. David Lloyd



Poppy Appeal Matters



Hampshire North has two large Districts that do not yet have Organisers. These are the newly formed ASDA Farnborough and Morrisons Farnborough districts. If anybody has an interest in volunteering for this very rewarding volunteer role. Sarah Ferris, our Poppy Appeal Manager for Hampshire North has made this appeal and says that the role can be a 'team effort'. If there are people who would be prepared to team up for this vital role please contact her.



Sarah also kindly send a few photos of the Liss Branch first Veteran's Breakfast at Liss Club. It was a welcoming event and well attended. These events are essential for veterans to gather amongst like minded people enjoy a little bit of comradeship based on shared experiences. It is an opportunity to make new friends or just enjoy a good meal in the company of others. Sarah Ferris Phone - 07742 762988
Email - SFerris@britishlegion.org.uk

RAF History Appeal

The sole surviving RAF Beverley aircraft is being rescued by Solway Aviation Museum. This kind of project is reliant on the goodwill of people to donate time and money to keep our aviation heritage alive and to honour the memories of the RAF personnel who worked with these aircraft. The Solway Aviation Museum is in need of funding (£60,000) for this purpose. The archivist and shop custodian, David, has made an appeal for us to spread the word. He was a member of 34 Sqn as an Air Wireless Mechanic almost at the outset of the squadron's deployment to Seletar, having been formed from 48 Sqn Beverley Flight. During that time he was detached twice to Thailand, Borneo and Malacca. If anybody is interested in the project or can assist please contact the Solway Aviation Museum. David Lloyd, Petersfield Branch



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 Tickets from £25
arundells.org/events
01722 326546

Thursday 30 May
2.15pm
Salisbury Cathedral

Other News

Hampshire RBL Golf Dates 2024



Calling all Royal British Legion golf players! There are three days arranged for 2024 so please put these in your diaries, contact your mates and enter as many as you can to support the RBL POPPY APPEAL and to win prizes for yourself and kudos for your Branch.

June 3rd. Armed Forces Day, Sherfield Oaks, near Basingstoke. Four-man team event, with team prize, secret pairs and individual plus NTP and LD prizes. Food before and after golf.

Forms and cost details for all of these days are now available and requests for these can be sent to me directly or be found on the Hampshire RBL events website nearer the time. Please do your utmost to participate. After all, they are being run for you and that of our great organisation.

Rick Bourne- Hampshire RBL Golf Secretary
rickbourne@yahoo.com

Petersfield Branch Armed Forces Drop-In Centre

Armed Forces Drop - In Centre at Winton House Centre, 18 High Street, Petersfield, GU32 3JL. First Thursday of the month from 16h00 to 20h00. Come along and reminisce over a brew and cake. "Serving those who serve: a place to unwind and connect with others".
armedforces@petersfield-tc.gov.uk

The 1939 - 1945 Australia Service Medal



This medal was awarded to all Australian forces personnel for eighteen months full time or three years part time service during World War Two. In 1996 the Australian government changed the eligibility to come to thirty days full time and ninety days part time service. DW



Standard Bearer Training Dates 2024



Hampshire Standard Bearer Training 2024

		EASTLEIGH Pavilion on the Park 1 Kingfisher Drive, Eastleigh, SO50 9LH	ASH Ash Manor School Manor Rd, Ash, Aldershot GU12 6QH
Please arrive ten minutes before training starts to prepare yourself and your Standard			
January	No Training	Tuesday 9th	18:50 - 20:00
February	No Training	Tuesday 20th	18:50 - 20:00
March	Sunday 17th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 12th	18:50 - 20:00
April	Sunday 14th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 16th	18:50 - 20:00
May	Sunday 12th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 16th	18:50 - 20:00
June	Sunday 9th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 18th	18:50 - 20:00
July	Sunday 14th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 9th	18:50 - 20:00
August	Sunday 11th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 6th	18:50 - 20:00
September	Sunday 8th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 10th	18:50 - 20:00
October	Sunday 13th 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 15th	18:50 - 20:00
November	Sunday 3rd 13:00 - 15:00	Tuesday 5th	18:50 - 20:00
December	No Training	No Training	
Please note: All Standard Bearer should attend two training sessions a year, and be physically fit enough to carry the Standard, as agreed when they signed the yearly MS1 Form. Annual RBL Conference Newport 10th - 12th May 2024			
Hampshire Parade Marshal: David Graham E: Hampshire.ParadeMarshal@rbl.community M: 07597 455112			



World War Two poster from the Imperial War Museum
We remember!

County Contact Details

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/hantscountyrbl/ Facebook Email - Hampshire.web@rbl.community

Poppy Appeal - www.facebook.com.poppy.HamsphireRBL

Contact us

It's your newsletter!!!

If anyone has any articles that they would like published in the Newsletter then please contact the editor (Colonel (Retd) Dudley Wall MSM MMM) with any information or articles by the 20th of the month at:

HampshireLinkDW@yahoo.com

ALL LEGION ENQUIRIES

(including Welfare requests) should be directed to the national call centre

0808 802 8080

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Rev John Morley

Cups Sub-Committee: Avril Mitchell, Pat Prior BEM QVRM. Brian Mansi

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Golf Officer: Rick Bourne

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Membership Council Representative: Gerry Nunn

Public Relations Officer: VACANT

Independent Examiners: Ges Brown, Mike Davis

UK Honours Awards: County President, County M.E.O.