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Working for our members

Making it easier for our beneficiaries to access support



Supporting our beneficiaries



Commemorating National Service 60 years on

In May the RBL will commemorate the contribution and sacrifice of the National Service generation. On the 60th anniversary of the demob of the last National Serviceman, the RBL will mark the service of this generation both online and with an exhibition at the National Arboretum. The commemorations will be opened with a special event for National Service veterans and their families at the Arboretum on 16th May and those interested in attending can register their interest by clicking the button below.



Annual Conference Torquay 19-21st May 2023

The Board of Trustees will be joining this year's Membership Forum at the Annual Conference. Key to every Conference is the opportunity for members to direct questions to the Membership Council and Senior Departmental Managers through the Membership Forum. On the panel, the Board of Trustees will also take questions on every aspect of Legion life and governance. You can submit questions in advance to annualconference@britishlegion.org.uk Registration update: the delegate registration deadline has been extended to Friday 14 April.

Register

Find out more



LGBTQ+ History Month: David's Story

To celebrate LGBTQ+ month we're sharing the story of David Kelsey who joined the Army at 16, but after just seven years his military career was cut short because of the ban on LGBT+ personnel. David served with the Royal Engineers in Germany and Northern Ireland. "All I ever wanted to do was join the Army. It was my sole ambition.". As a local councillor and Deputy Mayor of Bournemouth, David is passionate about supporting the Armed Forces community and works as an Armed Forces Champion, as well as volunteering for the Poppy Appeal.

Read David's story

Welcome to the
Virtual Town Hall

7 February 2023

The event will begin shortly

Speakers today

Charles Byrne
Director General

Antony Baines
Services

Gary Ryan
Remembrance,
Marketing &
Fundraising

Jason Coward
National Chair

Janet Talman
Membership

Catch up with the latest membership townhall



A New generation celebrates as a veteran hits his century

The first town hall of the year took place on 7th February. A healthy attendance of members watched our National Chair Jason Coward talk about the proposed changes to the Legion's governance, while Executive Directors updated us on our evolving welfare service, and changes to Membership. Watch the town hall recording on [You Tube](#)

Note: Please save the date for the next townhall which is Tuesday 25 April.

In July 2022, the children at Joy Lane Primary School in Whitstable took part in a competition with the local RBL Branch to create a birthday card for veteran Peter Colthup who is 100 years old and took part in Operation Market Garden. The children were eager to find out more about his life and they had a prize giving event at the RBL in Whitstable to celebrate their achievement, birthday cards will be presented to Peter on his 100th Birthday.

Watch the recording



Bravo 22 Award winning recovery programme

Last month we featured information on Bravo 22 – the award-winning recovery through the arts programme. This month we wanted to let our Bravo 22 members do the talking....here's what they have to say: "Since coming to Bravo 22, I feel like I've found my voice again, and I've found my words...I feel unburdened and empowered." "Bravo 22 gave me the confidence, the feeling of being valued and part of a family" If you would like to take part contact Bravo22@thedriveproject.co.uk

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Poppy Ride Shropshire and South Downs reminder

Whether you're new to cycling or a sportive enthusiast join us for Poppy Ride. With over 25 years' experience our dedicated Events Team will ensure you have the best experience on this fully supported event. Plus, Poppy Rides offer a unique opportunity to ride alongside veterans, hear their stories and see first-hand where your fundraising goes. Join the team today at:

[Poppy Ride Shropshire – 21 May 2023](#)

[Poppy Ride South Downs – 4 June 2023](#)

Sign up



Premiership Rugby 10% off

Saracens v Harlequins, Saturday 25th March 2023 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. For anyone that hasn't previously attended the Showdown Big Fixture, it's way more than 80 minutes of world class rugby; it's fantastic fun for all the family. [Watch Saracens Highlights on You Tube](#) RRP ticket prices start at Adults @ £31.50 / U16s @ £15.75 but Saracens are offering a 10% discount on any general admittance tickets. Use the discount code - **SD10PCXEJM**, when you choose your seats.

[Book your tickets](#)

Did you know that...



Jo-Anne Wilson enjoyed a trip to Windsor Castle to meet the King! This month, after being awarded an MBE for services to veterans, Manager of Galanos House Jo-Anne Wilson visited Windsor Castle to meet the King! Jo-Anne said: 'It was a very special day. Charles was very complimentary about the care home and he remembered the Christmas Puddings that we made at Buckingham Palace!' Jo-Anne became Registered manager in 2003.



Congratulations to the following members of the RBL family, who have been recognised in this year's New Year Honours, the first to be awarded by HM The King. MBE's were awarded to Angela Ham, from the the National Memorial Arboretum. John Stewart, from RBL Northern Ireland. Major (Retd) David Swann TD, from Essex RBL. BEM's were awarded to Christopher Cuddy, Dungannon RBL Branch and John Dennett, Italy Star association/RBL Liverpool.

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Magazine Feb 1965

In Memoriam: Sir Winston Churchill K.G. Warrior, Statesman, Life Member of the British Legion

This month's poll

What content would you like to see in the membership e-newsletter in 2023?

1. Stories of members/Branches work
2. Examples of how the RBL helps the Armed Forces community
3. Videos
4. Updates about upcoming events and fundraising activities

- 5. Offers and lucky draws to win products from our partners
- 6. Other

Take the poll

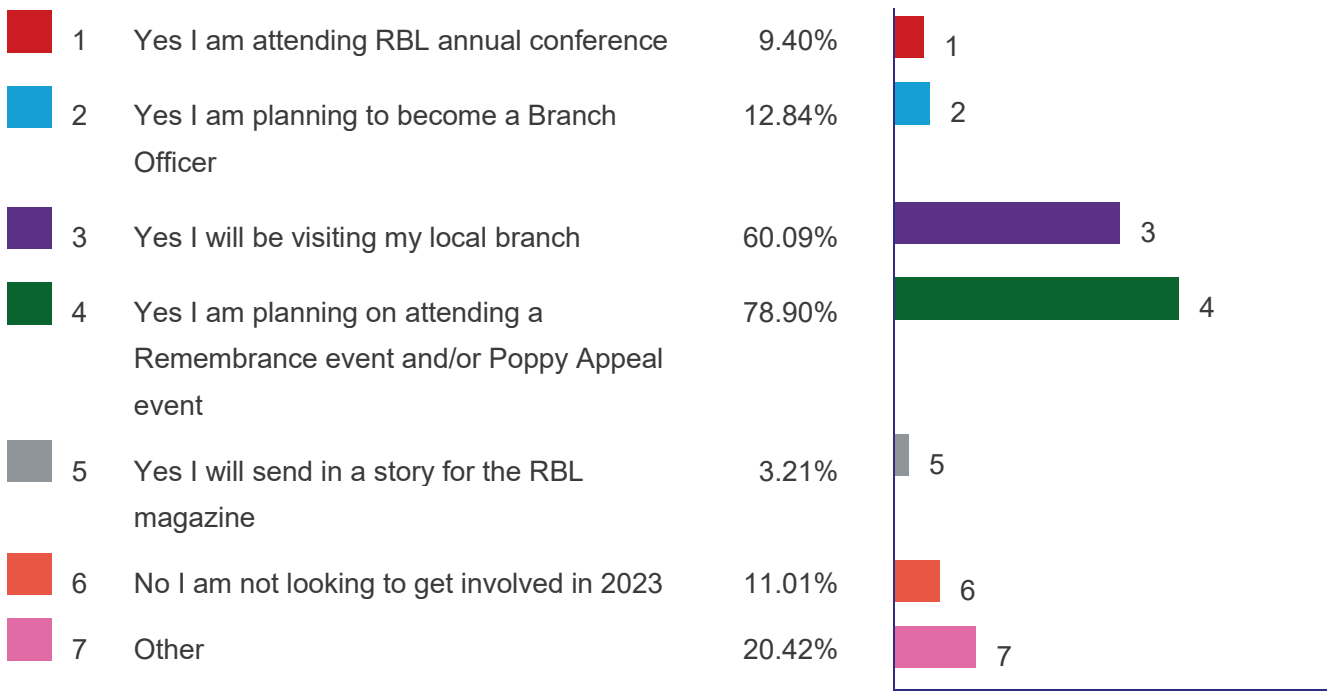
Last month's poll

How are you looking to get involved with RBL in 2023?

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

Best wishes,

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