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Celebrating our Members' work and achievements

Award winning Branches and Counties leading the way forward



Branches and Counties that were awarded cups at this year's annual conference



The Buckinghamshire County on winning the Maurice Cup

The Buckinghamshire County received the Maurice Cup at this year's conference as the County/District/Section that made the most progress during the year. With 33 Branches the County saw a 34% increase in membership and added 885 new Members, while the Committee also encouraged more Branches to sign up to Branch Community Support especially during the pandemic.



The Alicante Branch was awarded the Haig Cup at Conference

This year's Haig Cup was presented to the Alicante Branch, the largest Branch in Spain District North, for their progress and efficiency during the year. Between 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 the Branch recruited 77 new Members going from a total of 175 to 252. The Branch also increased the funds raised by more than 21% in the last financial year and unveiled an RBL centenary memorial.

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The Beer Branch received this year's Lister Cup

The Lister Cup is awarded to a small Branch with fewer than 50 Members for their progress and efficiency. In 2022 it was presented to the Beer Branch for their achievements in increasing their Membership from 29 to 39 Members, organising Remembrance and fundraising events and supporting the community throughout the pandemic and beyond.

Read the story



Help Parliament's Defence Committee by sharing your views

The Committee launched a survey to seek the views of veterans and their families on issues that concern them, ahead of an evidence hearing on 15 June with Leo Docherty, Veterans Minister, and Jessie Owen, Director, Office for Veterans Affairs, available to watch on [Parliament TV](#). The survey is open until **8 June**. If you have any questions about the



Join one of the two upcoming meet-ups in July

"The event location was excellent, as was the catering. It was good to meet with fellow members from different branches and feed off their ideas." Mike Errington, St Columb Branch, who attended the first meet-up said. Learn more about membership and meet other members by attending the next meet-ups in Colchester (2 July) and in Newcastle (16 July).

RBL's work in Parliament please email PublicAffairs@britishlegion.org.uk.

[Take the survey](#)



The RBL's first Diversity and Inclusion action plan launches

By ensuring we reflect today's Armed Forces community, we can truly understand and support everyone that wants to be part of our organisation. Through the Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan we want to make five commitments to unite us and ensure we all take action to make everyone feel welcome. We want to give our members the confidence and tools to help achieve this goal including by working with other community groups to reach those in need or by making your Branch or Club more accessible.

[Find out more](#)

Register your attendance today or email meetups@britishlegion.org.uk for more details.

[Register your place](#)



Your views will inform our General Election Manifesto 2024

We are asking you to share your thoughts on the issues that can help the Armed Forces community lead healthy, independent and fulfilling lives. As the next general election approaches in 2024, our Manifesto will outline the key issues affecting the community and actions we think any future UK Government needs to take to improve the lives of serving personnel, veterans and their families. Share your views and possible solutions by emailing rblmanifesto2024@britishlegion.org.uk with the subject line 'Manifesto Ideas'.

[Find out more](#)

Did you know that...



As part of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service, The Trooping The Colour event will take place on 2 June. Over 1400 parading soldiers, 200 horses, 400 musicians and many members of the Armed Forces community will come together to celebrate this milestone. You can watch the event on [BBC One](#).



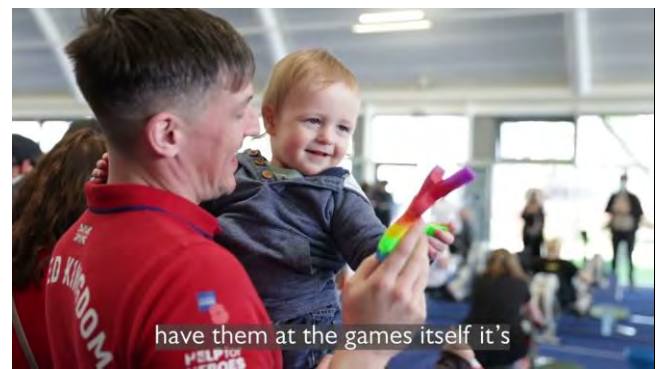
Got any questions for our new National Chairman, Jason Coward? We're interviewing Jason for the next issue of Legion magazine and would love your input so please email your questions to: membersmag@britishlegion.org.uk by Friday 3 June. Please note, we will endeavour to ask as many of your questions as possible and will combine similar questions.



Paying tribute to those who served in the Falklands 40 years ago

Two weeks after getting married, Margaret's husband, Ian, lost his life serving in the Falklands. 40 years on, Margaret met Navy veteran Paddy who served with Ian to remember him and everyone else who fought in the Falklands. Both are now looking forward to the commemorative event at the National Memorial Arboretum on 14th June that will also be livestreamed on the RBL's website.

[Find out more](#)



RBL supporting Team UK in the next Invictus Games

Working in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, RBL will deliver Team UK to The Invictus Games in 2023 in Dusseldorf and 2025 in Whistler and Vancouver. Using our facilities at the Battle Back Centre we will support Team UK applicants and participants, and their friends and family, through the process. Find out more and register for a chance to compete as part of Team UK.

[Find out more](#)



Watch the April 2022 Membership Townhall

Thank you to everyone who joined our townhall last month to meet our new Trustee Patsy Wilkinson and learn more about the One Legion strategy, Diversity and Inclusion and the first phase of a review about how membership can remain relevant for future generations presented by the Director of Membership Janet Talman. If you missed the townhall, you can watch the recording online.

[Watch the recording](#)



Join our new cycling challenge to celebrate the Jubilee

Ready to cycle 200 miles in June? Join us in celebrating the jubilee with our brand new cycling challenge and complete your miles however you like – whether it's a few miles a day or big cycles. Join our Facebook community to find out more about the challenge and how you can raise funds for the Armed Forces community and don't forget to sign up for your free t-shirt today.

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FIELD-MARSHAL EARL HAIG, K.T., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.
(PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH LEGION)



Haig. F.M.

From the Royal British Legion Magazine July 1921

The RBL was founded in May 1921 and last year we celebrated 100 years of service to the Armed Forces community. This photo of the British Legion's first ever President Field-Marshal Earl Haig was published in the July 1921 edition of the magazine.

This month's poll

How many years have you served?

1. I am still serving
2. 1-5 years
3. 6-10 years
4. 11+ years
5. I have not served
6. Other

Take the poll

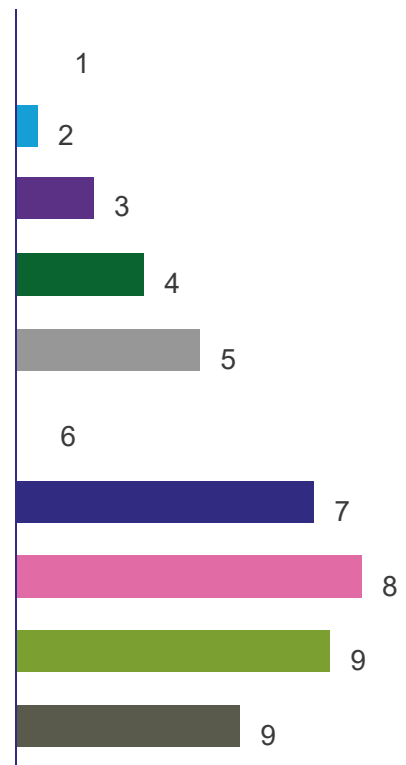
Last month's quiz

How many answers did you get right in the April 2022 Falklands quiz?

485 Participants

Graph

1	0-10% - 0 respondents
2	11-20% - 3 respondents
3	21-30% - 20 respondents
4	31-40% - 32 respondents
5	41-50% - 44 respondents
6	51-60% - 0 respondents
7	61-70% - 91 respondents
8	71-80% - 136 respondents
9	81-90% - 103 respondents
10	91-100% - 55 respondents



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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