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Commemorating D-Day 80

Campaigning for
our veterans

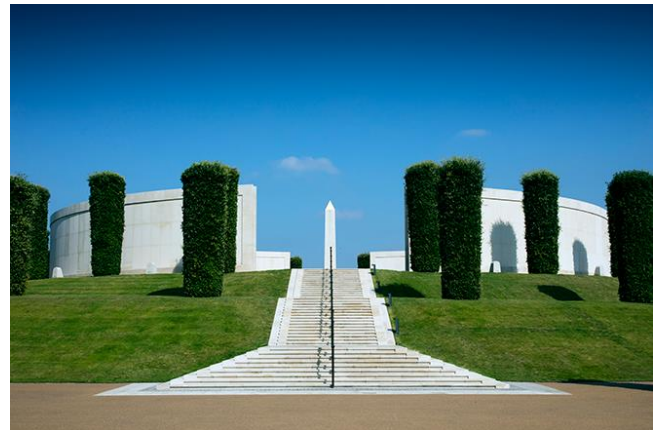


Recognising the courage and sacrifice of our Armed Forces



Celebrating the Commonwealth and its servicemen and women

Commonwealth Day celebrates the people and cultures of the 56 member nations. This month at the Memorial Gates in central London on 11th March, we remembered the five million men and women from the Commonwealth who served with the British Armed Forces during the First and Second World Wars. RBL's Director of Remembrance, Philippa Rawlinson said: "This year we mark the 80th anniversaries of momentous battles and turning points of the Second World War. This service remembers, in particular, those who served in the Fourteenth Army at the battles of Imphal and Kohima in 1944."



Remembering Kosovo and the foundation of NATO 75 years on

This year we remember the 25th anniversary of the end of the Kosovo War, which saw the deployment of the NATO-led international peacekeeping force, The Kosovo Force (KFOR). We will honour the service and sacrifices made by those who served in this conflict, which coincides with this being the 75th year since NATO was established. We look forward to welcoming Armed Forces personnel who served in the Kosovo War and/or their families, to join us for a Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday 23rd June at 12pm. Registration closes on 30th April.

[Read more](#)

Send any queries to the [Remembrance Events Team](#).

[Register today](#)



Last chance to register for Annual Conference

[Registration for Annual Conference](#) closes at 11.59pm tonight. This year attendees will hear from guest speaker, Invictus Games UK team member Stacey Denyer, and can enjoy the Saturday evening entertainment from Recovery Through Comedy and a special performance by the Cardiff Military Wives Choir. If you can't attend in person, you can still register to attend online to watch the business of Conference.

[Register today](#)



Take part in our Membership forum and help shape the member experience

This year's Annual Conference will see the return of the Membership forum – a key part of the agenda during which members can ask questions about the branch and member experience to a colleague panel. We're holding this year's forum on Sunday following feedback requesting more time be allocated to it. The forum will be shaped by four key themes identified from engagement events across the past year. More information, including how to pre-submit questions, will be shared soon.



Take part in our fundraising loyalty survey



Campaign, Policy and Research impact report

You are a vital part of RBL's mission. By taking part in our survey you help us to understand the fundraising experience better. We received some positive feedback from last month's survey and we would like to know a little more about how you feel about RBL in general. As a recipient of our monthly E-newsletter, you will have automatically been sent the survey link by email. Members can also contact [Supporter Care](#) to take part. All results from the survey will be anonymous.

[Take part in our survey](#)

2023 was a busy and successful year for the [Campaigns, Policy and Research team](#) - from the launch of the [RBL Councillor Network](#), the [Credit their Service campaign](#), and our 2024 [General Election manifesto](#), to kicking off major new research, and understanding our community using Census and wider data releases. We are only able to make an impact because of the support of our members, [campaigners](#), volunteers, fundraisers, and partners who drive our efforts by engaging with us and promoting our campaigns in their community.

[Read our 2023 Impact report](#)



Have you read your Legion magazine yet?

Read about members of 3 Para Patrol Company re-visiting the Falkland Islands to pay tribute to fallen friends, and in Badge of Honour we speak to Senior Nursing Officer Sue Warner on treating casualties of war and helping the NHS during Covid. We mark International Women's Day by reading the exploits of inspirational women like 'Polar Preet' Chandi and pioneering pilot Jackie Moggridge. We also look ahead to Annual Conference in May, meet our new Director General, Mark Atkinson, and ask members to help us commemorate the 80th anniversaries of D-Day and the other significant battles which led to the end of the Second World War.

[Read more](#)



New D-Day themed exhibition units available

Branches looking for a reusable display unit to help with community engagement can now order from a selection of three exhibition units that mark the important anniversaries of 2024. The first is D-Day and the Battle of Normandy; the second is the 80th anniversaries of 1944 e.g. Monte Casino, Kohima, Imphal, Operation Market Garden, the Battle of the Scheldt, D-Day, and Normandy; and the third is useful information for teachers and educators. Branch Officers can get [more information](#) about the displays, including costs and the order process, in Central News and [MAP](#).

[Find out more](#)



Join the Councillor Network and support the Armed Forces community

RBL welcomes all representatives from every level of local government in England and Wales - from Town, Community, and Parish Councils to directly-elected Mayors – to join our [Councillor Network](#). Members of the Network receive regular communication about how local government can support our Armed Forces community and the wider work of RBL.

[Join today](#)



Museum appeals for D-Day stories

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, 6th June 1944, Oxfordshire Museum will host an exhibition telling local people's stories of the build-up, D-Day invasion, and Normandy campaign that followed. The museum is keen to hear from local people with memories of D-Day. David Shouesmith, Chairman of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, explains: "the anniversary is an opportunity to tell the compelling stories of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, including the Pegasus Bridge operation." A temporary D-Day 80th Anniversary exhibition will open from 18th May until 24th September 2024.

[Tell us your story](#)

Going back in time



From the Royal British Legion Journal, March 1960

Clive Wilson was caught in the act on the oom-pah when the Stafford Town and British Legion Band took a break during a children's concert.

This month's poll

How will you be commemorating D-Day 80?

1. Attending a Branch Remembrance event
2. Attending a Community Remembrance event
3. Watching a Remembrance event on TV
4. A quiet moment of reflection at a memorial or Garden of Remembrance
5. Other

Take part in the poll

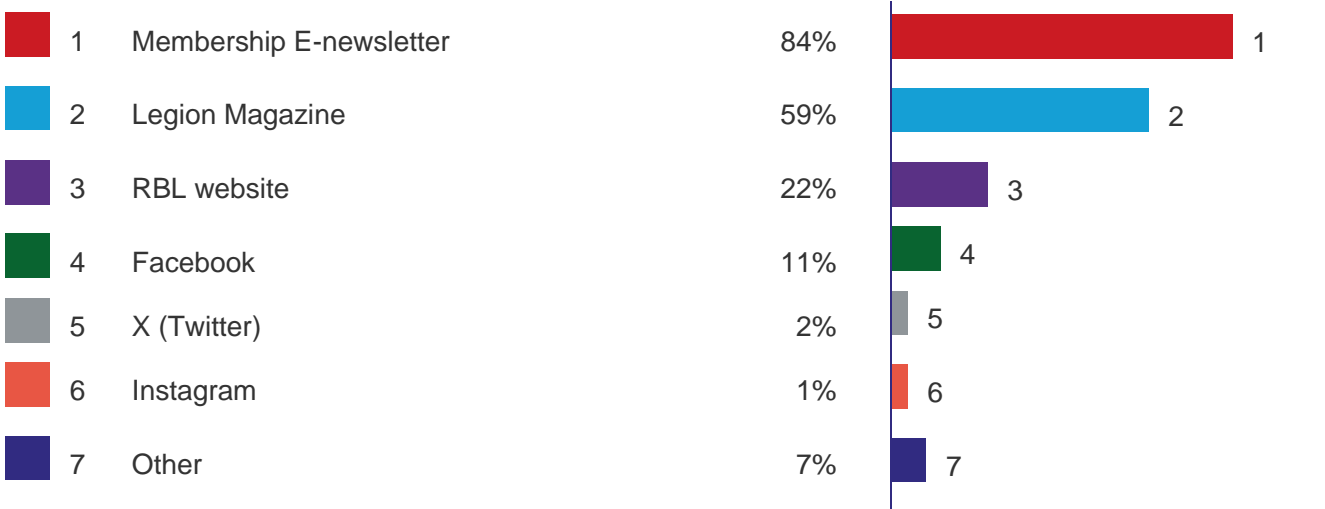
Last month's poll

How do you get your RBL news?

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

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