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Commemorating D-Day
80th anniversary

2024 sees the 80th anniversaries of momentous turning points of WWII. The D-Day landings marked the beginning of the liberation of western Europe. Elsewhere, from Italy to Kohima and Imphal in India, hard-fought battles were turning the tide of the war. We're marking the service and sacrifice of those who fought in those battles, and are encouraging our members, branches, and communities to get involved in D-Day 80.

[Get involved](#)



Register for Annual Conference - 10th -
12th May

Delegates and visitors can register to attend Annual Conference 2024 in-person or online. You can register online until 28th March. Activities start with the exhibition and Standard Bearers Competition on 10th May, followed by the opening of Conference on 11th May. Please note, online attendees will only be able to view the business of Conference. More information, the registration link and FAQs are available on the [Annual Conference webpage](#).

[Register online](#)



Celebrating members' achievements at Annual Conference

Annual Membership Awards are a chance to celebrate and reward the success and achievement of our members, branches, counties, districts, clubs, and formations. This year we've simplified the [nomination form](#) to make the process easier. Branch and county officers can find the criteria for each award, including who can nominate, on MAP. Don't miss the deadline to send your nominations before 5pm on Friday 16th February.

[Submit your nomination](#)



Take part in our annual survey to help shape the future of RBL membership

Last year, the results of our first ever Membership Engagement Survey helped us to better understand the membership experience and informed several strategic decisions. We will run the survey again from 5th February for four weeks, and we need you to make it a success! As a recipient of our monthly E-newsletter, you will automatically be sent the survey link. If you know other members who might like to take part, please share this information with them so that they can also receive a link by [emailing us](#). All results from the survey will be anonymous. You can also choose to enter a prize draw.

[Take part](#)



General Election Manifesto 2024



Conquer the ocean with Invictus fundraising

The next General Election will be held this year. In September, the Royal British Legion and Poppyscotland launched our 2024 Manifesto, titled 'Supporting those who Serve Us'. [Read our top five priorities](#) for the next government. These priorities will frame much of our work leading up to the General Election and beyond. We hope that you will become a campaigner and join us to 'Support those who Serve Us'.

[Join our campaign](#)

Team UK competitors from the Invictus Games in Dusseldorf are hoping to raise £5000 for RBL. They'll travel 'virtually' from Dusseldorf to the next host city, Vancouver in Canada - a distance of 7867km. All the miles they cover, by rowing, swimming, walking, running, and cycling, will count towards the team total. The team have already completed 269km at RBL's Battle Back Centre. Three of them completed rowing marathons, including Stacey Denyer, who set a British Record for her category.

[Support Team UK](#)



Care and camaraderie in January's Legion Magazine

The January issue of [Legion Magazine](#) is now available. Read about the care and camaraderie that our six care homes offer exclusively for the armed forces family. You can also find out how we are supporting the friends and families of our Invictus Games athletes, what RBL has in store for 2024, the history and importance of military uniform, and read about former RAF pilot Group Captain David Drew's reflections on his career highlights.

[Read the magazine](#)



Membership Town Hall January 2024

The first Town Hall of the year took place on 23rd January. Members listened to our National Chair Jason Coward talk about the year ahead and an update on our finances, and there were spotlights on Remembrance and our care homes.

[Watch the video](#)



New Year Honours for members and volunteers

Congratulations to the following members who have been recognised in this year's New Year Honours, awarded by HM The King. OBEs were awarded to Dr Claire Armstrong and Lieutenant Colonel David Whimpenny. MBEs were awarded to Adina Munroe-Charlow, Jill Sylvia Gladwell, Margery Taylor, Jennifer Larby. BEMs were awarded to Frank Ball, Margaret Brown, John Forrester, Martin Harrison, Robert McRae, Howard Williams and Robert Coburn.

Introducing Poppy Ride Kent

On this new ride you'll follow the historic trail of the Battle of Britain. Starting in Ashford you can join us to cycle through a region of the country that was witness to the incredible sacrifices of the valiant few who took to the skies in 1940. Get your place today – the first 100 riders to register get a reduced entry fee of £25! Register online or you can [register your team here](#).

[Register now](#)



Branch supports new Herefordshire military choir

Music teacher Jo Lowry contacted RBL Fownhope branch for help in creating a veteran's choir to support the higher-than-average number of veterans living in Herefordshire. The branch was delighted to help with initial planning and a successful application to the Regimental Association for a start-up fund. The choir has gone from strength to strength; up to thirty singers meet regularly in a local theatre, and all three branches of the services are represented. The choir has recently performed at the Army Benevolent Fund annual concert in Hereford Cathedral.



From the Royal British Legion Magazine January 1964

Cookham, Dean and Pinkney Green (Berks) branch of the Women's section welcome film actress Anna Neagle who attended the branch's Autumn Fair to give out the prizes.

This month's poll

How are you looking to get involved with RBL in 2024?

1. I am attending RBL Annual Conference
2. I am planning to become a Branch Officer
3. I will be visiting my local Branch
4. I am planning to attend a Remembrance event

5. I am planning to attend a Poppy Appeal event

6. Other (please specify)

[Take part in the poll](#)

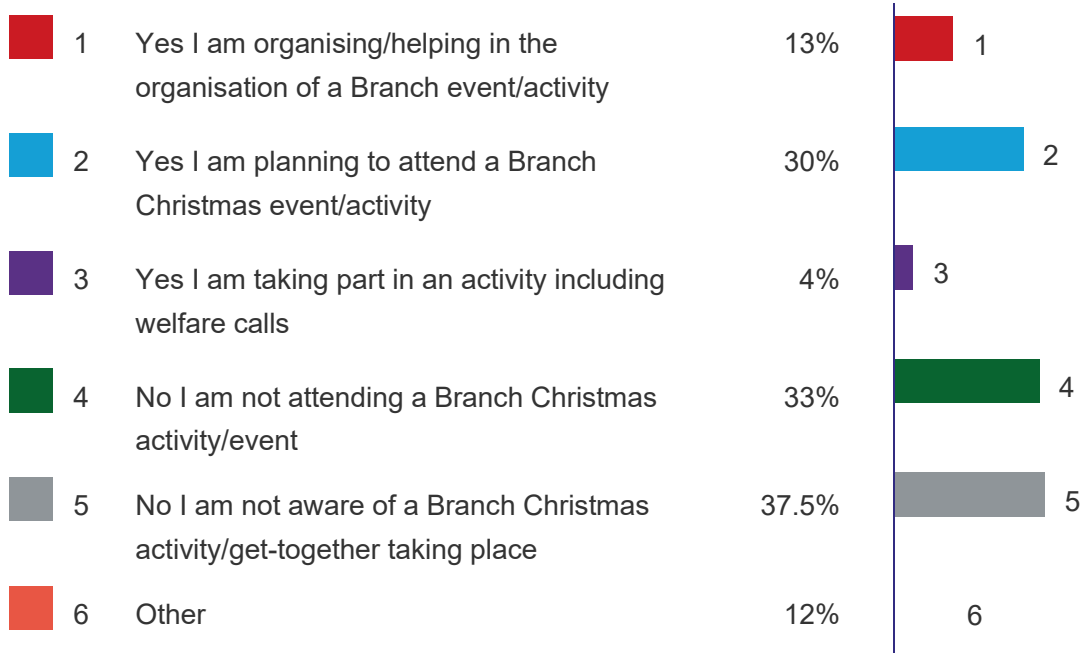
Last month's poll

Are you attending or planning a Christmas get-together with fellow RBL members?

192 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, email our Membership Services team MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk

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