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## Ready to support the Armed Forces community through 2023?

Giving support wherever and whenever it's needed



## Supporting our Armed Forces community in 2023



**Forces Employment Charity**

### New Year, New Career?

Finding a job can be a daunting prospect but our partners at [The Forces Employment Charity](#) provide all ex-Forces personnel with free, life-long support to help find the career that works best for you. They will also support you with career progression, so if your current job is not the best fit, they can help you find your next role with an employer who understands the true value of ex-military recruitment. [Find out more.](#)

[Register Today](#)



### New branch in Madrid

The inauguration for the formation of the Madrid branch took place in the city in November 2022. The new branch will become a central point for serving the needs of those veterans in the Madrid area. It will also help us tap into the opportunities that its position in the capital offers to raise funds to support the Legions' beneficiaries. If you are interested in joining this branch contact Richard Lewington at [Madrid.Chairman@rbl.community](mailto:Madrid.Chairman@rbl.community).

[Contact us](#)



## Your chance to hear all about the latest key developments at RBL

Join us on Tuesday 7 February - 7pm-8pm - for the first membership town hall of the year. Our Executive Directors will be giving updates on, among other items:

- The Legion's governance
- The expanding recovery programme
- Invictus games
- Our evolving welfare service
- Changes to Membership

The event will finish with a live question and answer session which anyone can join in on.

We're hosting this on teams. [Please use this link to gain access on the day.](#) From previous experience, we recommend you download Teams before trying to log on.



## Improve your fitness while supporting our Armed Forces

It's a new year so it's time for a fitness challenge to improve your fitness and support our Armed Forces. Join our [Facebook](#) community of thousands of incredible squat champions taking on 2,100 Squats in February! Get beach body fit for summer and help our Armed Forces community. Share your fundraiser with friends and family and complete your squats however you like a few a



## Award winning recovery programme from Bravo 22

Are you a veteran? Bravo 22 Company is an award-winning recovery through the arts programme for our Armed Forces community. The programme offers in-person and live digital sessions across art and theatre, including painting, drawing, calligraphy, photography, storytelling, comedy, writing, performance techniques and more. No experience needed – just the enthusiasm to try

day or big sessions with friends. Sign up today for your FREE exclusive RBL t-shirt.

[Sign up today](#)



Echoes of an Era concert coming in the spring

RBL's Central Band tribute concert to Her late Majesty the Queen is now rescheduled. We're pleased to announce that the concert is now scheduled for Saturday 15th April 2023. You'll enjoy the sparkling soundtrack of the last 70 years, including music by The Beatles, John Williams, Queen, Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein from The Central Band of the Royal British Legion, and West End star Nikki Bentley.

[Book your tickets](#)

something new! For more information [Bravo22@thedriveproject.co.uk](mailto:Bravo22@thedriveproject.co.uk)

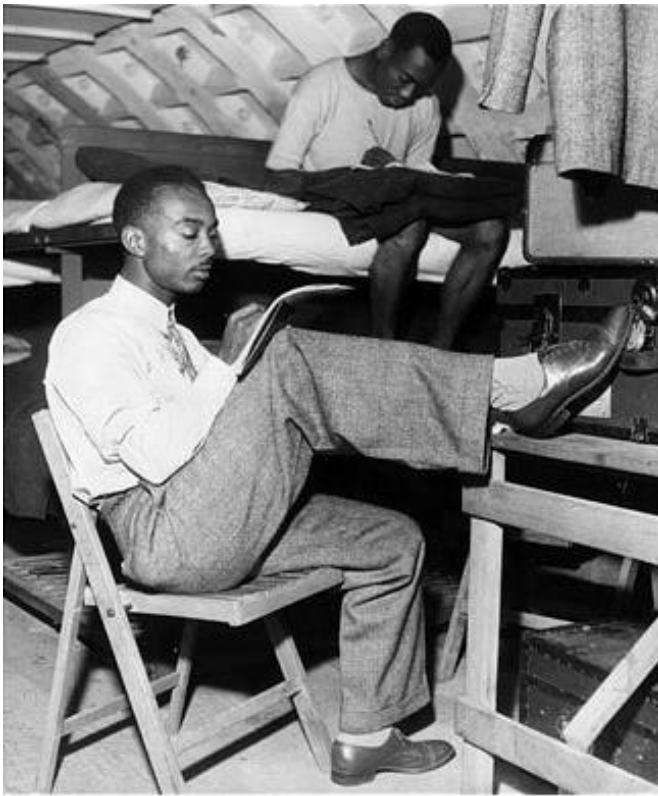
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Celebrating our Member's achievements at Annual Conference

Every year awards are presented to members, branches, clubs and counties at Annual Conference, giving us a chance to recognise their incredible work and innovative ideas. Whether it's through Branch Community Support, fundraising, Remembrance or collaborating with other local organisations, Members help us promote the RBL in their communities. The deadline for nominations for the awards is 5pm on 3rd February.

[Membership Awards](#)



## Share your Windrush story

Were you part of the Windrush Generation who came to live in – and help rebuild – Britain between 1948 and 1971, and did you serve in the British Armed Forces? If so, Legion magazine would love to hear from you. This June will mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the ship HMT Empire Windrush into Tilbury Docks, Essex, bringing with it one of the first large groups of post-war immigrants from the Caribbean. We would love to share your stories to mark the occasion. We would also like to hear from any descendants who served or are currently serving. Tell us your story at [membersmag@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:membersmag@britishlegion.org.uk)

## Did you know that...



After 18 years as a Standard Bearer at Faringdon Royal British Legion, in Oxfordshire, Tom Scrivens has hung up his gloves and retired. At the Branch meeting on 21 December 2022, Neil Sutherland OBE DL gave a fitting speech and presentation to Tom. He has presented the standard at many occasions and has represented the Branch at the annual Royal British Legion Festival of remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.



Tollesbury in Essex rang with Christmas cheer in December when members of Tollesbury Royal British Legion and the Tollesbury Fire and Rescue Service (with fire engine) accompanied Santa (with sleigh) as he visited the village children. They raised £865.90 for the poppy appeal. It was an excellent festive turn out by the whole village and the excitement of the children as Santa went by made it so worthwhile.



## Legion magazine – have you read your copy yet?

In the January issue, our National President, members, and supporters share their memories of our much-loved Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We also welcome His Majesty King Charles III with an account of his military service and links with RBL. In addition, we look at our range of recovery services, our role in this year's Invictus Games campaign and getting involved in our fundraising activities in 2023. If you don't get the print edition, read the magazine online.

[Read online](#)

Going back in time



### **From the Royal British Legion Magazine Jan 1928**

This is a visit to the Poppy Factory from RBL's first President Earl Haig in 1928. The awestruck Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are from a troop and pack he founded.

### **This month's poll**

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

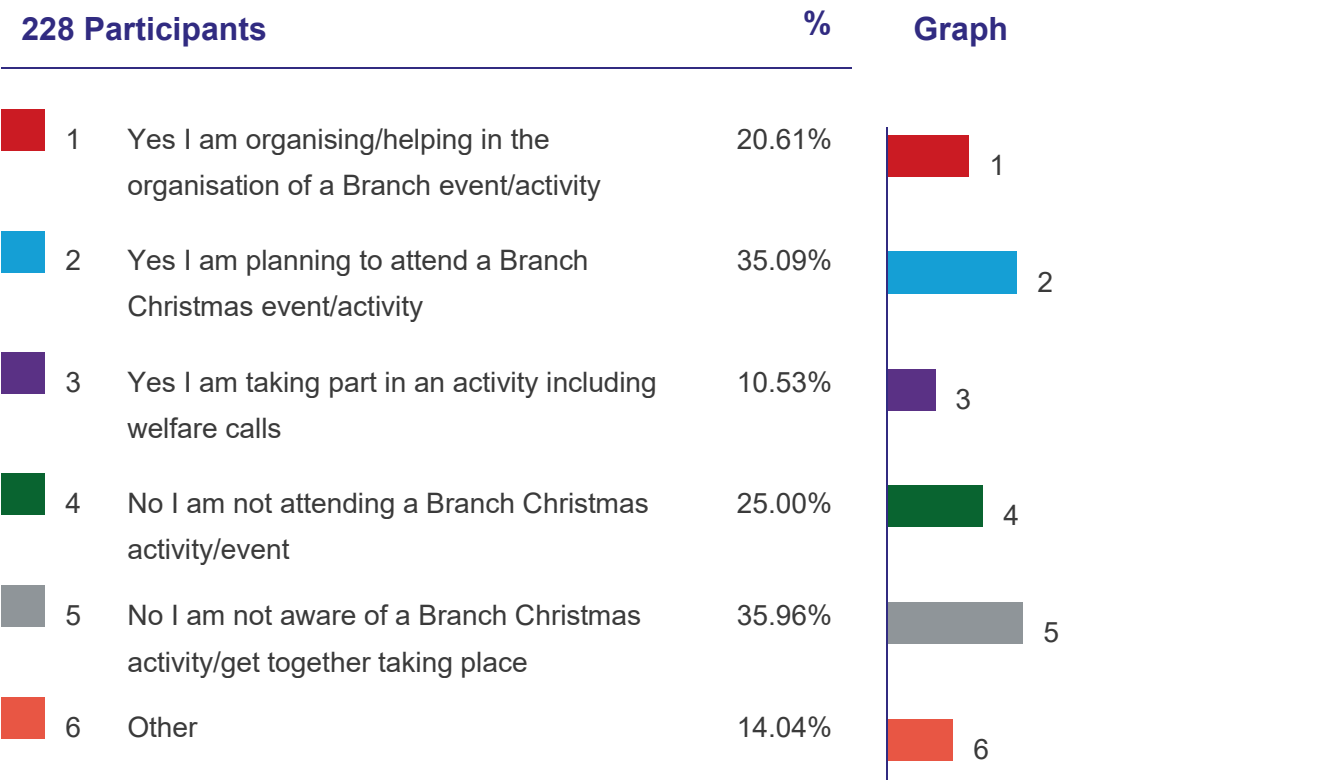
1. Yes I am attending RBL Annual Conference
2. Yes I am planning to become a Branch Officer

3. Yes I will be visiting my local branch
4. Yes I am planning on attending a Remembrance event and/or a Poppy Appeal event
5. Yes I will send in a story for the RBL Magazine
6. No I am not looking to get involved this year
7. Other

[Take the poll](#)

## Last month's poll

Are you organising or attending a Christmas get together or other activity with fellow Members?



### 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](mailto:MembershipServices@britishlegion.org.uk)

Best wishes,

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