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## D-Day 80

Honouring the service  
and sacrifice of the  
D-Day generation

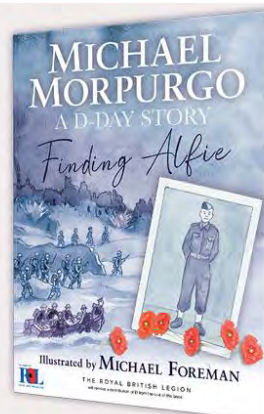


### Commemorating D-Day 80



#### Connecting with the D-Day 80 commemorations

One of RBL's D-Day 80 Services of Remembrance will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) in Staffordshire on 6th June. All visitors are welcome to watch the service. Entry into the NMA is free, although [booking your visit](#) in advance is recommended to guarantee entry on the day, and to help you save on parking. You can follow coverage of our D-Day 80 events on the BBC. [Find out more](#). We have produced an exhibition to honour the service and sacrifice of the D-Day generation. Legacies of D-Day will be on display at the site of the British Normandy Memorial in France and at the NMA



#### Finding Alfie: A D-Day Story - teaching resources

If you've got children who are learning about the Second World War in school, why not use RBL's free new learning resource for key stage two (7-11-year-olds)? Ahead of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we've partnered with Scholastic UK to publish a new story about the Normandy Landings. Finding Alfie, written by Sir Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman, is a fictional story rooted in real history that will introduce children to this milestone moment in history. Teachers, educators and parents can visit the [Teaching Remembrance webpage](#) to download our resources.

from 6th June and [you can view it online.](#)

[Find out more](#)

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### D-Day Anniversary commemorative

This brand new commemorative features a cut-out silhouette of a soldier from the British Normandy Memorial. This design remembers the allied personnel under British Command who made the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for liberation at D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Exclusively available from [The Westminster Collection](#), with each purchase a 10% donation is made to the RBL.

[Order yours today](#)



### Festival of Remembrance tickets

The RBL Festival of Remembrance will be held in the Royal Albert Hall, London on Saturday 9th November 2024 with performances at 2pm and 7pm. Evening tickets will go on sale for members to purchase on Tuesday 23rd July. Afternoon tickets will go on sale to members on Tuesday 30th July. We'll post more member ticket information on the RBL website. Or [you can contact us.](#)

[Find out more](#)



### Simplifying how you contact us

As part of our commitment to improve your membership experience, we are simplifying how you can get in touch. From 1st July 2024, please send general membership enquiries to



### Annual Conference 2024

At this year's Annual Conference we made history with a series of 'firsts': the first Loyal Greeting, the first dedication of three new National Standards together and the first time



[membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:membershipservices@britishlegion.org.uk).

You can continue to contact your Membership Engagement Officer (MEO) for local branch and county matters. This simpler process will mean your queries are dealt with in a more timely and consistent manner. If you have any questions, contact us:

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Contact us



Remembering Sir Clive Johnstone

In his short time as our National President, Sir Clive Johnstone, who sadly died on Sunday 12th May, made a huge impact. We welcome your contribution to honour his life and work through this [online book of condolence](#). To honour Sir Clive's memory, and at the request of his family, contributions can be made to his favourite charities – The Royal British Legion, The Bumblebee Conservation Trust and The SSAFA – through this [JustGiving page](#).

Sign the book

we had a goat watch our parade! You can read more in July's Legion magazine. If you do not receive a copy but wish to, [please email us](#).

Order your magazine



Veteran's Commissioner for England

Last year we launched a petition calling on the UK government to appoint a Veterans' Commissioner for England, as Commissioners in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland are already dedicated to advocating for the veteran community. Over 1,400 supporters, including members, colleagues and volunteers signed the petition we delivered to the Office of Veterans' Affairs in December. Thanks to this work, the Government will appoint a [Veterans' Commissioner](#) for England. Read our [official statement here](#). To hear more about our campaigns, sign up [to our Campaigner Community](#).

Find out more

# Aspire

*Above and beyond training*



## Are you a future RBL leader?

We are pleased to launch a new leadership programme. The Aspire Leadership programme is open to all members from national and local branches, counties, the Women's Section, and overseas branches. It aims to develop and equip a group of leaders in waiting who may, in the future, be elected to leadership positions.

To apply, you must be available for the following dates in London at our Haig House office:

- Module 1 -5th, 6th & 7th July
- Module 2 -2nd,3rd & 4th August

Contact your branch or county chair for information [or email us](#).

[Click to sign up](#)



## Calling budding artists!

Bravo 22 Company – the RBL's recovery through the arts programme – is swapping summer caps for Santa hats by launching its Christmas Card competition. Bravo 22 Company members, friends and followers of the Armed Forces community are invited to design artwork to feature on the RBL's Christmas card sent out to supporters. Deadline for submissions is Monday 1st July 2024. To register your interest and receive information on how to enter [email Bravo 22](#).

[Register today](#)



## May's Legion magazine

This issue looks ahead to the 80th anniversaries of the battles that helped pave the path to victory in the Second World War. We preview the Legacies of D-Day exhibition that will be held at the British Normandy Memorial and the NMA on 6th June. We also feature the conflict in Kosovo, 25 years on.

[Read Legion magazine](#)



## How you can get involved in the General Election

The General Election will take place on Thursday, 4th July 2024. RBL and Poppyscotland have already launched our [Manifesto](#). In it, we highlight our priorities for the next UK government to better support our Armed Forces community. We need your help to ensure your PPCs know about our manifesto and pledge to prioritise their support, if elected. Sign up to our [Campaigner Community](#) for details on how you can contact your Parliamentary candidates in the coming weeks.



## Watch the May Census webinar and join our Campaigner Community

Thank you to everyone who attended our online Census Webinar in May. We identified the basic size, location, and demographics of the veteran population in England & Wales, showed how the data informs our campaigning work and helps local authorities identify and meet veterans' needs. [Contact us here](#) if you have any questions. Sign up to our [Campaigner Community](#) to get involved with our campaigning work.

[Watch the webinar](#)



Join our Community

## Going back in time



### From the Royal British Legion Journal, May 1955

Learning (more) about the Legion! Some of the 'scholars' and 'teachers' attending the Norfolk County two-day school at Caister Holiday Camp, Great Yarmouth.

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

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