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TAKING CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE

Branches make sure that those in self isolation during the COVID-19 outbreak are not forgotten



BRANCHES LETTING MEMBERS KNOW HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY



RBL BRANCHES ARE HELPING THEIR COMMUNITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus outbreak, Branches have been working tirelessly to ensure that their communities can receive much needed support. From calling the elderly and vulnerable to delivering food and medication to those who are self isolating, Branches in the UK and abroad have ensured that members have somewhere to turn to and



OUR SERVICES ARE STILL OPERATING IN THE COURSE OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

During the coronavirus outbreak the health and well-being of the people we support, our staff, members, and volunteers is, and will remain, our priority. We understand that you may need our help now more than ever, and our support services are still operating with some changes. We are also working on plans with partners and other organisations to support communities

those who live in isolation are not forgotten by the Legion. We want to thank everyone for being part of our Branch Community Support army of volunteers and encourage others who are able to get involved to [find out more here](#).

[Read the stories >](#)



OUR ADMIRAL NURSES ARE NOW PROVIDING DEMENTIA CARE NATIONWIDE

To support the Armed Forces community during this difficult time, our Admiral Nurses are now providing specialist dementia care nationwide over the phone or video call. This service was previously available face to face regionally. If you or someone you know is living with dementia and needs our support, call us on 0808 802 8080 and we will refer you to one of our experienced Admiral Nurses.

[Find out more >](#)

across the UK. Our contact centre remains fully operational, so if you or someone you know in the Armed Forces community needs our support, please continue to contact us on 0808 802 8080 (8am to 8pm, 7 days a week).

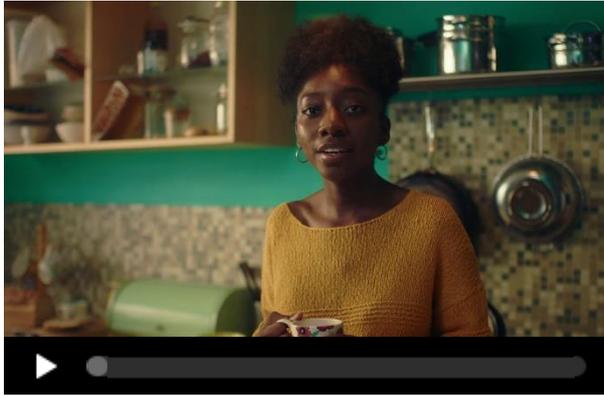
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WE'RE RECRUITING NURSES AND CARE ASSISTANTS FOR OUR CARE HOMES

During the pandemic, our highest priority is the safety of the elderly and vulnerable, including our veteran population. More than ever the Legion needs skilled staff to help us care for those living in our care homes. We've started recruiting staff and we want to thank everyone who applied or helped us spread the word. We are still looking for Nurses and Care Assistants to fill full and part time positions.

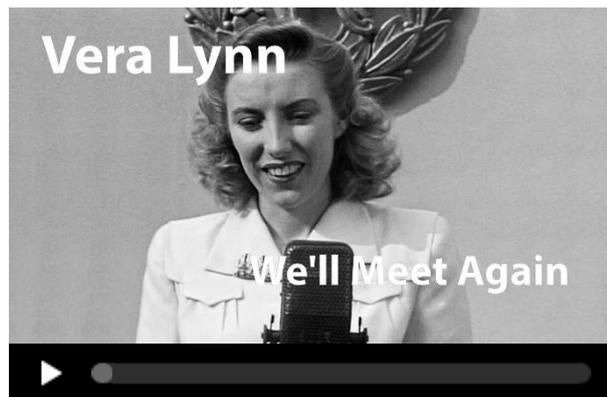
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REMEMBERING THE SECOND WORLD WAR GENERATION

This year we're paying tribute to the men and women of the Second World War generation from Britain, the Commonwealth and Allied nations who came home and rebuilt our world after the Second World War as well as all those who never returned. With COVID-19, the circumstances are different, but the battle plan remains the same: Be kind. Unite. We can and will pull through this together.

[Watch the video >](#)



TAKE PART IN A VE DAY SING-ALONG

Join us at 9pm on Friday 8 May for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of WW2, now more than ever it is important to come together. You can watch and



JOIN US IN COMMEMORATING VE DAY 75 ON 8 MAY

With members of the public unable to attend VE Day events, the Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of activities, including a VE Day webcast, national moments of remembrance and thanksgiving and a learning pack. We are inviting people to join us in a national moment of reflection and remembrance at 11am as we pause for a two minute silence in honour of the WW2 Generation.

[Like our Facebook page for updates >](#)



VE DAY HOME LEARNING RESOURCES

We've produced VE Day Home Learning resources to help families engage with VE Day during these difficult times. Created in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, these power-point presentations and worksheets are aimed at KS2 and KS3 children

join in on BBC One who will be featuring the singalong as part of their VE Day broadcast.

[Find out more >](#)



This video contains images that some people may find distressing

(7-14 years) and provide activities for children as well as guidance for parents/carers.

[Find out more >](#)

THE LIBERATION OF BERGEN BELSEN

75 years ago, British and Canadian Forces uncovered the horrors that took place in the confines of Bergen Belsen, including the death of 50,000 prisoners of war between 1940-1945. WW2 veteran and RAF photographer Robin Fassam arrived at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp just days after British and Canadian troops liberated it, on a mission to document what was found there. He will never forget what he saw, and neither should we.

[Find out more >](#)

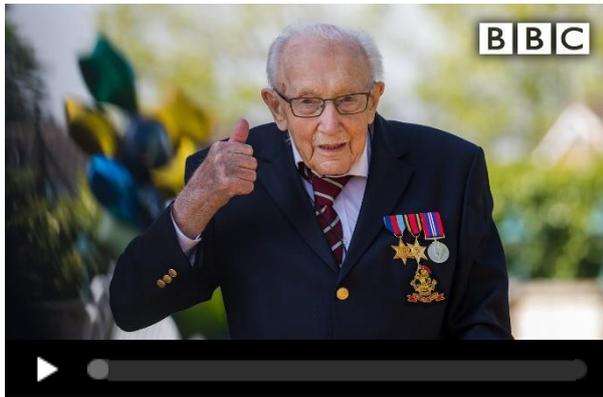
POPPY SHOP VE DAY 75 COLLECTION



[View the VE Day 75 collection >](#)

Use the discount code **MEMBER15** to get 15% off

Did you know that...



Congratulations to Captain Tom Moore, a 99 year old WW2 Army veteran who served in Burma, and decided to celebrate his 100th birthday by completing laps of his garden aiming to fundraise for the NHS. His initial goal was to raise £1,000 but he has raised more than £27m, making this the largest amount ever raised on the JustGiving platform.



Mike Lewis, the Bedfordshire community fundraiser is one of the [Soldiering On Sporting Excellence Award](#) finalists. Mike, a former Corporal of the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, suffered life-changing injuries in Afghanistan, resulting in an amputation. He has managed to overcome personal challenges by fighting against able-bodied opponents.

Going back in time

From The Royal British Legion Magazine December, 1926

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales laying the foundation stone of the new British Legion poppy factory flats which are being erected for housing some of the disabled men who live at present at a long distance from Richmond.



This month's poll



Many Branches are reaching out to members to support those in need during the pandemic, has your Branch been helping out?

1. Yes I have been contacted by my Branch
2. Yes I have received support from my Branch
3. Yes and I am one of the volunteers
4. Yes but I am not taking part because I am self isolating
5. Yes but I am not taking part as I am a key worker or for other reasons
6. No I am not aware of any activities
7. Other

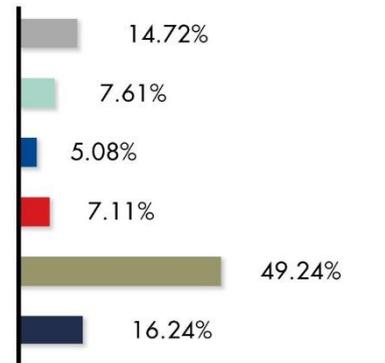
[Take part in the poll >](#)

Last month's poll

Many community groups have been launched to support elderly/vulnerable people during this difficult time, have you joined one?

197 Participants

1. Yes - 14.72%
2. Yes I am doing this through my Branch - 7.61%
3. No - 5.08%
4. No but I am looking for other ways to help - 7.11%
5. No because I am currently self-isolating - 49.24%
6. Other - 16.24%



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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