



**Royal British Legion Northamptonshire
2026 County Conference
AGENDA**

1. **Welcome:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair will;
 - a. Welcome the invited guests;
 - b. Entry of the Standards;
 - c. Read the Roll of Honour: and
 - d. Deliver the Homage.

2. **Civic Welcome to the delegates by County Chair:**
 - a. West Northamptonshire Council; Cllr Mark Arnull
 - b. North Northamptonshire Council; Cllr Maurice Eglin and Cllr Leon Gibbs
 - b. Town Mayor of Northampton; Cllr Jane Birch to respond.

3. **Biding Prayer:** Father Oliver Coss, County Chaplain RBL Northamptonshire.

4. **Address** by Brig David Russell-Parsons OBE DL on the Lieutenancy in 2025.

5. **Loyal Greeting, Reply and Address:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair.

6. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Stephen Thatcher, County Secretary.

7. **Appointment of Scrutineers:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair.

8. **Minutes of the RBL County Conference held on 1st February 2025.**

9. **Matters Arising** from the minutes.

10. **County Plan:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair will present the 2025-2028 County Plan.

11. **County Chair's Report 2025:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair.

12. **Presentation of Statement of Accounts for 2024-2025 and Receipt of Donations from Branches:** Mr Stephen Thatcher, Interim County Treasurer.

13. **National Guest Speaker:** Mr John Thornhill MBE, Royal British Legion Trustee.

Break for Refreshments (30 minutes)

14. **Guest Speaker:** Mr Giles Coleman, the Poppy Appeal Manager.
15. **Election of County Committee Members 2026-2029:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair.
16. **Motions to Conference:** Mr Ian Byrnes, County Chair.
17. **Presentation of County Certificates and Trophies:** Mr Hugh Ashton-Moore, Membership Council Representative South-East Midlands
18. **County Standard Bearer 2026-2027:** Mr Ian Byrnes, the County Chair to present the County Standard to Ms Faith Cosgrove of RBL Kettering Branch.
19. **Vote of Thanks:** The County Chair, Mr Ian Byrnes to include advice to delegates of the date of the next County Conference on Saturday 9th January 2027.

“The business of the meeting being concluded, let us before we leave, remember our duty to King and Country, to our comrades and our branches. Let us be ready at all times to foster the spirit of brotherhood and mutual helpfulness to which we are dedicated, never forgetting our solemn obligation as members of The Royal British Legion”.

20. **National Anthem:** *God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!*
21. **Close of Conference.**

Kohima Epitaph

**The Conference will be followed by a short Service of Remembrance
(delegates may bring their own wreaths)**