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# Festival of Remembrance

Commemorating the sacrifice of our Armed Forces Community



## The RBL Festival of Remembrance - Membership Ticketing

The Festival of Remembrance will be held in the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Saturday 11 November 2023 with performances at 2pm and 7pm. In an exclusive deal, members can buy tickets - on a first-come first-served basis - directly from the ticket agent, See Tickets. Please note that tickets will only be available to buy online from the dates below. Members should use the [online portal](#) to buy tickets and use the [See Tickets Support Centre](#) if they need help.

Tuesday 25 July: Evening tickets go on sale at 10am. RBL members can purchase up to two tickets for the evening performance.

Tuesday 1 Aug: Afternoon tickets go on sale at 10am. RBL members can purchase up to four tickets for the afternoon performance.

Tickets, including accessible seating, should be booked online, through See Tickets, using the seat picker. Payment will be taken at the time of booking. We're sorry, but we can't accept postal applications. No ticket will be issued before full ticket holder details are received. Once confirmed, tickets are non-returnable or refundable. You can change the name of your guest before 31 October by visiting the Customer Service page on the See Tickets website. Members can purchase tickets for either the evening or afternoon performance, not both.

[Book your tickets](#)



## Northern Ireland Festival of Remembrance 2023

The Northern Ireland District's Festival of Remembrance will take place at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast on Saturday 4 November. Presented by the BBC's Helen Mark, the Festival will mark significant anniversaries and events of the past year, including The King's Coronation, Korea 70 and UDR Greenfinch 50. The highly acclaimed Band of The Royal Irish Regiment and the Bugles, Pipes and Drums of The 2nd Battalion will provide the musical accompaniment and there will be performers and dancers from the Northern Ireland area. You can buy tickets from Friday 28 July from the [Belfast Waterfront Hall](#).

[Book your tickets](#)



## Wales Festival of Remembrance 2023

The Wales Festival of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 4 November at St David's Hall, Cardiff. The Regimental Band and Corps of Drums of The Royal Welsh will provide the musical backdrop, alongside local performers and speakers. The Festival will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean war; the 60th anniversary of the end of National Service, and the service and sacrifice of the Windrush Generation and their descendants in Wales.

Tickets will be available to buy from Friday 21 July from [St David's Hall website](#).

[Book your tickets](#)

Welcome to the Townhall  
11 July 2023



Membership Town hall

Our Membership town hall took place on 11th July, hosted by John Boisson. Executive Directors updated us on improving beneficiary journeys, improving every care home and the



Plant a lasting tribute at Poppy Walk

Join us for [Poppy Walk](#) this November and plant a lasting tribute to the Armed Forces community in our Field of Poppies. Bring



future of membership. Watch the town hall recording below through [MAP](#).

Note: Please save the date for the next town hall which is **Tuesday 17 October**. Details of how to log on will follow.

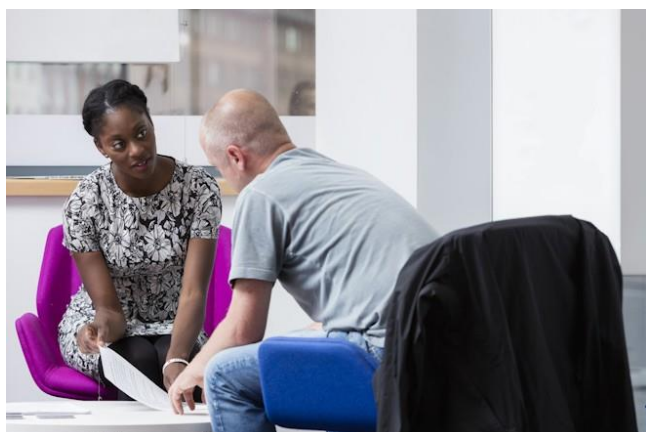
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Remembering National Service  
-virtual tour

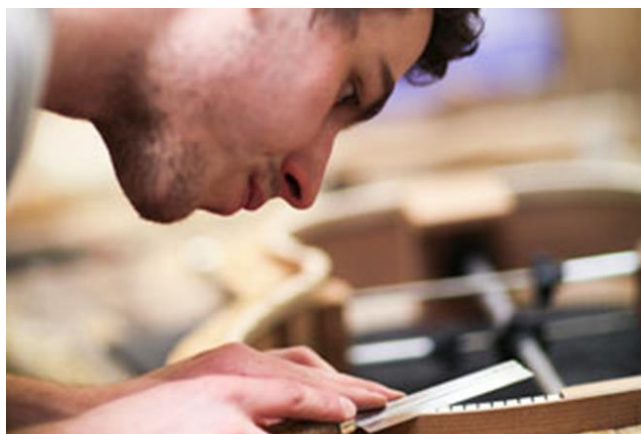
This year we commemorated the contribution of the two million men who undertook National Service. Our special exhibition at the National Memorial Arboretum has now closed but you can take a virtual tour and find out more about what it was like to be called up, and National Service life in post war Britain by visiting [Remembering National Service](#).

[Take the tour](#)



friends and family along for this short walk and to support this year's Poppy Appeal. Poppy Walk is a sociable event giving us the chance to pass on history and learn about how our work helps the Armed Forces community and their families right now.

[Find out more](#)



Army veterans Craft Bursary for skills training

Veterans can apply for up to £4,000 to start training in a heritage craft or to further develop your skills. [Heritage Crafts](#) help ensure skills, trades and stories are safeguarded for future generations. They are offering a training bursary to an army veteran of up to £4,000 for a recognised UK heritage craft. The deadline for applications is Friday 8 September.

[Find out more](#)



## Help improve veterans' health: take the Shortlisting Survey today.

In March the Office for Veteran Affairs (OVA) asked for your help in taking a short survey designed to influence future research and help improve care for former service personnel. They've now compiled a list of priority questions and they need your help shortlisting the most important of these. The aim is to have identified the Top 10 priorities for research by the end of 2023. Veterans, their families and friends, carers and health professionals can take the [shortlisting survey](#) now. It's open until 28 August 2023.

[Find out more](#)



## Attention members and branches in the North West and Northern Ireland

The Gift in Wills team is asking for your help during this year's Poppy Appeal. We're looking for members in the North-West and Northern Ireland to champion [Gift in Wills](#) within their branches and communities to signpost to our free, no obligation will-writing service. RBL wants to attract 15,000 supporters into the Gift in Wills programme over the next four years to keep funding services for the Armed Forces community. To find out more, register your interest by 13 August 2023 and we'll send you a resources pack containing all you need to find out more.

## We've launched our new campaign, Credit their Service

Armed Forces compensation (such as a War Pension) is often considered an income source when national and local benefit rates are calculated, whilst civil compensation is not. Veterans and their families are often receiving less Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support, Discretionary Housing Payments, and Disabled Facilities Grants than they are entitled to. Will you [click here](#) to ask your MP to Credit their Service? Together, we can Credit the Service of our Armed Forces community.

[Find out more](#)



## Take a ride to remember in France in 2024

Join hundreds of riders in 2024 as they take on a host of cycling challenges in France. Ride in a group through stunning scenery and pause to remember at key historical sites en route. Pedal through Normandy or onto Paris. We have events that ensure you have a great experience in a safe and secure way. Join Team Legion and help us to continue to provide vital services and support for the Armed Forces community - serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. [Learn more about cycling](#) with and raising money for RBL.

Contact us here

Find out more

## Did you know that...



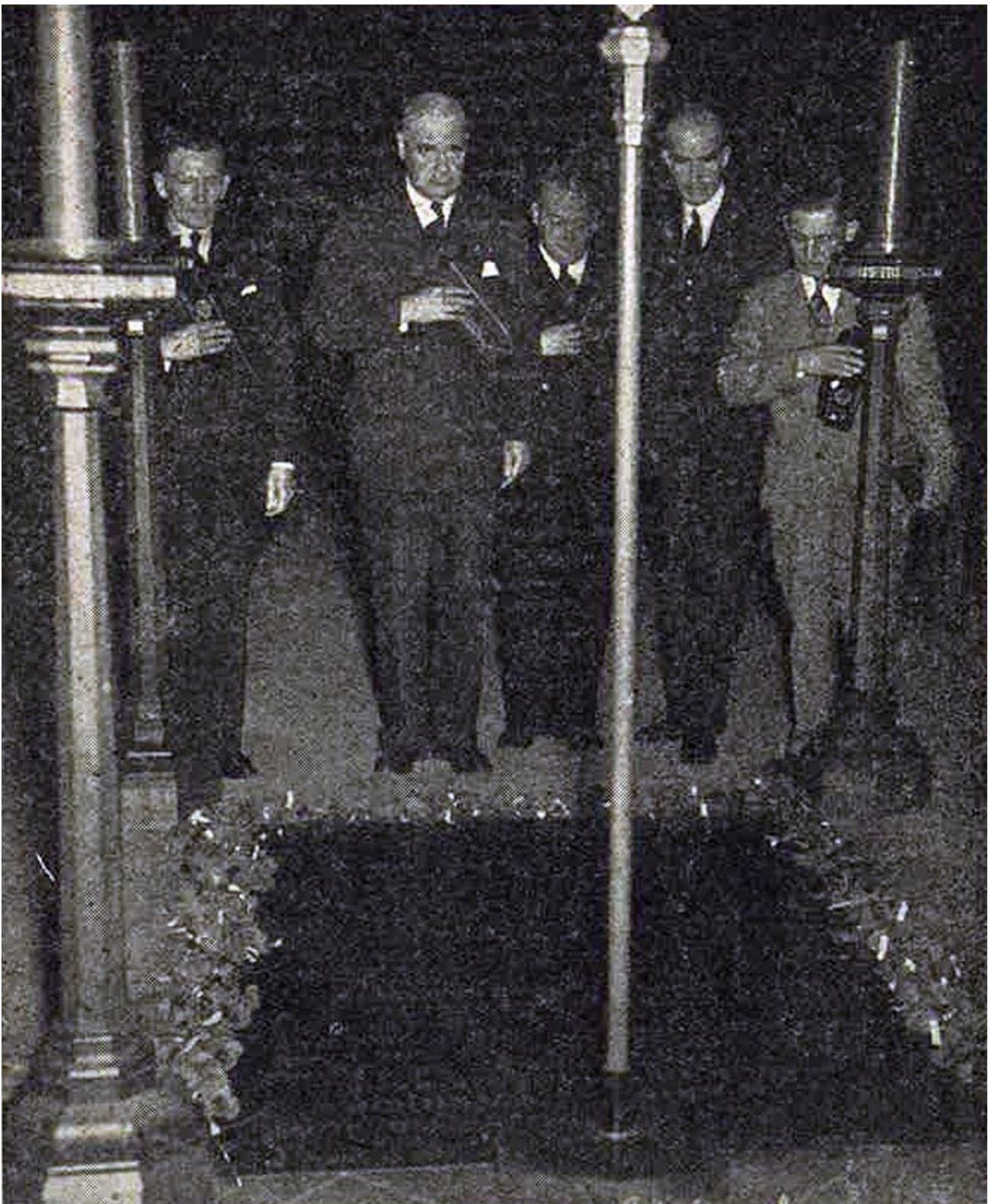
At the Annual Conference in May the Women's Section welcomed Michelle Turner, Ambassador for Invictus Games Friends and Family, as their guest speaker. After the event, they were delighted to present her with a cheque for £500,000.00. Heather Spence, RBL Women's Section National Chairman, said: "Family is and always has been at the heart of the RBL Women's Section. We look forward to working with and supporting the Friends and Family and wish Team UK all the very best at the games."



The National Memorial Arboretum hosted over 800 children for Teaching Remembrance Days in 2023. Key Stage two and three children took part in sessions focused on Windrush 75 and National Service, exploring who serves to keep us safe and how we can remember them. With interactive tasks, bootcamp-style activities, guided tours, live music and poetry performances, children had the chance to explore, learn and reflect on what Remembrance means to them.

## Going back in time





### **From the Royal British Legion Magazine July 1945**

From the Thames to the Texas Plains, National Commander of the American Legion and National Chairman of British Legion at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, Westminster Abbey.

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

How do you plan to engage with Festival of Remembrance events in 2023?

1. I hope to attend the Royal Albert Hall in London
2. I hope to attend the Waterfront Hall in Belfast
3. I hope to attend St David's Hall in Cardiff
4. I will be watching BBC coverage of the Remembrance events
5. I plan on engaging with Remembrance in other ways
6. Other

[Take the poll](#)

## Last month's poll

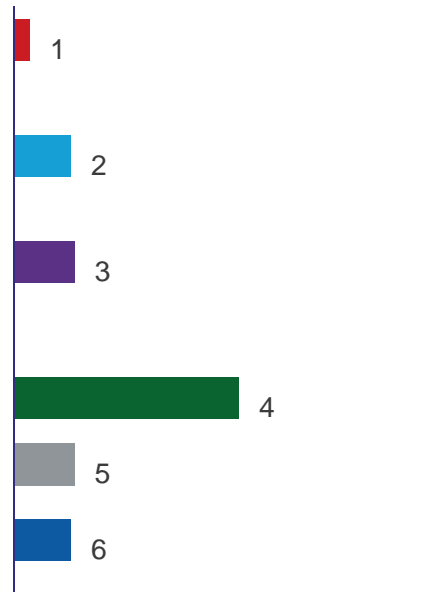
How many years have you served?

**873 Participants**

**%**

**Graph**

	1 I am still serving	2.29%
	2 1-5 years	12.14%
	3 6-10 years	13.63%
	4 11+ years	51.66%
	5 I have not served	13.75%
	6 Other	12.94%



## 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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