



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE

Where can I find the details of my local Remembrance services?

Details of your local Remembrance services can be obtained from your local Royal British Legion Office. Click [here](#) to see the full list of the Legion county offices and their contact details.

Are there any sound files or CDs with the Last Post and Reveille?

A Two Minute Silence DVD is available featuring The Last Post played over a selection of Remembrance images, followed by 2 minutes of silence for reflection and concluding with The Reveille. Visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/the-nation-remembers/two-minute-silence for details of how to order.

What is the Kohima Epitaph and when can it be used?

The Kohima Epitaph is the epitaph carved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima (North-East India). It reads:

WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY
FOR YOUR TOMORROW, WE GAVE OUR TODAY

The verse is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958) and is thought to have been inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides to honour the Greek who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC. The Kohima is used for the Burma Star Association (Far East Vets) therefore it would not be part of the dedication for a Legion Standard. We say the Kohima only if there is no Burma Star Veteran present at Remembrance services. It is only fairly recently that the Legion has incorporated the Kohima into our activities due to the advanced age of Burma Star Vets.

Are any translations of the 'Ode to the Fallen' available?

There is a French translation (as it is often used in Canadian Remembrance services) and a German one.

FRENCH

Acte du Souvenir
"Ils ne vieilliront pas comme nous, qui leur avons survécu.
Ils ne connaîtront jamais l'outrage ni le poids des années.
Quand viendra l'heure du crépuscule et celle de l'aurore,
nous nous souviendrons d'eux."

Réponse: Nous nous souviendrons d'eux

GERMAN

"Sie können nicht alt werden, so wie wir alt werden;
Alter kann ihnen nichts anhaben, auch nicht die kommenden Jahre;
Bei Sonnenuntergang und Sonnenaufgang;
Werden wir ihrer gedenken."

Antwort: Werden wir ihrer gedenken

Where can I find which branches will hold Remembrance parades?

Details of branches holding Remembrance services can be obtained from your local Royal British Legion county office. Click [here](#) to see the full list of the Legion counties and their contact details. [A list of Legion branches which have their own website is available here.](#)

Who is responsible for the organisation of Remembrance services?

There is no specific legislation outlining who is responsible for the delivery of Remembrance parades or services, unlike the maintenance of War Memorials. It is, however, generally accepted that Remembrance parades are important community events. In keeping with other civic occasions, the Legion maintains that local authorities should be responsible for the delivery of Remembrance parades and services, which would require them to assume official 'event organiser' status on relevant event documentation. Such a designation brings with it a range of responsibilities and liabilities for which most charitable organisations, including our own, are not currently covered and which, if we were, would involve the diversion of significant charitable funds away from the direct support of our beneficiary community.

When should I start and stop wearing a poppy?

The annual Poppy Appeal means that poppies are widely available in exchange for a donation and are most often worn from late October to mid-November. However, the poppy can be worn at any time throughout the year. There is no "correct" way to wear a poppy and the Legion offers a variety of poppies to be worn or displayed in various ways as a matter of personal choice. The only correct way to wear a poppy is to wear it with pride.

Do we have to hold the Remembrance Day parade at 11am?

There are no requirements/restrictions about the time of holding the Remembrance Day Parade.

Is it obligatory to read out the names of the fallen during a Remembrance ceremony?

It is not obligatory to read out the names of the fallen during a Remembrance ceremony. The ceremony details are agreed upon at discretion of the organisers.

Is it necessary to read out the names of those providing wreaths during a Remembrance ceremony?

It is not necessary to read out the names of those providing wreaths during a Remembrance ceremony. The ceremony details are agreed upon at discretion of the organisers.

How long should the wreaths remain at the local War Memorial after Remembrance Sunday?

There is no guidance as to how long wreaths should remain at memorials after Remembrance Sunday. In some places they are removed after weeks, in others after months. In most places the local Legion branch and local authorities agree on a suitable time to take them away. Your local council should be able to advise on how to dispose of them.

How can I order a wreath?

Wreaths can be ordered from the Poppy Appeal in Aylesford (details available at the following link <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/wreaths>). Please note that wreaths needed for Remembrance Sunday should be ordered early (before mid-October) as pressure is considerable from October onwards.

What are the sizes and the prices of wreaths?

For wreaths details go to <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/shop/wreaths>

How can I obtain tickets for the Festival of Remembrance?

Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance are allocated as follows: they go on sale to members first, usually in August and then any remaining tickets go on sale to the general public in October.

All information can be found on the link below:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/festival-of-remembrance-2019>

Is there a DVD of the Festival of Remembrance?

We do not produce a DVD of the Festival of Remembrance, recordings can be found on Youtube and BBC Iplayer for a limited period.

How can I obtain tickets for the Cenotaph Parade ie official March Past?

Tickets for the Cenotaph Parade are limited. They are allocated via Legion branches and county offices to Legion members. Allocation usually starts in June/July. Please contact your local Legion County Secretary for further information.

If you are serving or ex-Service but not a Legion member, you can obtain tickets via your Regimental Association.

Anyone who did not serve in any branch of the Armed Forces and wishes to join the March Past can only participate as part of a recognised Civilian Organisation to which they belong.

The general public are able to obtain tickets for the March Past but only on behalf of a close relative of those who served in any branch of the Armed Services. Due to space limitations in Whitehall no more than 2 tickets will be available per family. Requests from relatives stating their reason for wishing to join the March Past and including full contact details must be made in writing in the first instance to a relevant ex-service association. If unsure of which association to approach, please send the request to the following address to be received no later than 31 May each year:

Cenotaph Tickets
The Royal British Legion
Haig House
199 Borough High Street
London SE1 1AA

Or by email to
cenotaph@britishlegion.org.uk

Children over the age of 12 are only able to participate as a relative of those who have served in the Armed Services.

Do I need to buy a ticket to watch the Cenotaph Parade?

No passes or tickets are required by members of the public who wish to watch the ceremony from the pavements along Whitehall and Parliament Street. Whitehall is opened to the public at 8am. However it is advised that you arrive early if you wish to secure a good viewing place. Click [here](#) for more information.

How can I take part in the Remembrance March if I want to honour my deceased family/friends who served?

The contingent which forms up on Horse Guards Parade must be formed of ex-Service personnel only. There are no exceptions.

If you want to remember your deceased family/friends' service then you can participate in the March Past as part of Column M which forms up in Whitehall. See above for how to obtain tickets for the March Past.

How can an organisation be included in the Cenotaph March Past?

A National Officer of the organisation should send a formal request to the Legion requesting permission to march and giving some information on the history of the organisation together with estimated numbers on parade. Write to:

Cenotaph Tickets
The Royal British Legion
Haig House
199 Borough High Street
London SE1 1AA

What is the route of the Remembrance Day march?

The Cenotaph March Past goes from Whitehall south towards Parliament Square then turns right into Great George Street then right again into Horse Guards Road. The salute is taken opposite the Guards Memorial in Horse Guards Road, and all participants then reform on Horse Guards Parade before being finally dismissed.

The full map of the route together with all relevant information needed for the day is sent out to all those who have successfully obtained tickets to take part.

Where can I find details of events organised by The Royal British Legion?

Details of national events organised by the Legion are available on the Legion's website: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events>. Contact your local branch or county for details of local events.

How can I obtain a plot at the Field of Remembrance?

To obtain a plot at the Field of Remembrance please contact the Poppy Factory - www.poppyfactory.org