



Where can I find details of my local Remembrance services?

Contact your local Royal British Legion branch which will be able to inform you about local remembrance services that you can get involved in. Find your local branch and contact details [here](#).

Where can I find which branches will hold Remembrance parades?

Contact your local Royal British Legion branch which will be able to inform you of any parades or other Remembrance activities that they are involved in. Find your local branch and contact details [here](#).

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 Epitaph is recommended for bringing formation meetings to a close and in some services for ending a two-minute silence.

The Kohima Epitaph is used for the Burma Star Association (Far East Veterans) and therefore, would not form part of the dedication for a Legion Standard.

Please refer to the Ceremonial Handbook for further information.

Are there any translations of the ‘Ode to the Fallen’ available?

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

Who is responsible for the organisation of Remembrance services?

Remembrance parades and services are important community events, and The Royal British Legion maintains that local authorities should be responsible for the organisation and delivery of these events. Organisation of such events brings a range of liabilities which charitable organisations, including The Royal British Legion, are not covered for.

For further information on the organisation of Remembrance services, please refer to the Membership Handbook.

When should I start and stop wearing a poppy?

Every year, poppies will be made widely available across the UK in exchange for a donation. Typically, they are worn during remembrancetide (late October to Remembrance Sunday each year). However, they can be worn year-round to show your support for the Armed Forces Community. The Royal British Legion offers a variety of poppies (the full range can be found at [The Poppy Shop](#)) to be worn or displayed in various ways dependent on personal choice.

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

There are no requirements or 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 the 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 the discretion of the organisers.



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

There is no set guidance on how long wreaths should remain at memorials after Remembrance Sunday. Your local Royal British Legion branch and the local authorities agree on a suitable timeframe for removal. Your local authority will be able to advise on how to properly dispose of them.

How can I order a wreath?

A variety of wreaths can be ordered from [The Poppy Shop](#). Please bear in mind that wreaths needed for Remembrance Sunday should be ordered well in advance (ideally before mid-October) as these products are subject to high demand at this time of year.

How can I obtain tickets for the Festival of Remembrance?

Consult The Royal British Legion website for details on how to obtain tickets for the Festival of Remembrance: [Festival of Remembrance | Programme | Royal British Legion](#). Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance are only available to RBL members in the first instance, so if you are not already a member, you can join our member community here: [Become a Member](#)

Where can I watch the Festival of Remembrance?

If you have not secured tickets to watch the Festival of Remembrance live, recordings can be found on YouTube & BBC iPlayer for a limited period of time.

How can I obtain tickets for the Royal British Legion March Past the Cenotaph?

Each year, veterans and eligible participants march in the March Past the Cenotaph. Places to take part in the Cenotaph March Past on Remembrance Sunday are allocated through service and unit associations. The contingent which forms up on Horse Guards Parade must be formed of ex-Service personnel only, without exception.

For further information on eligibility and FAQs, please visit the following webpage: [Remembrance Sunday](#)

Do I need to obtain a ticket to watch the March Past the Cenotaph?

No passes or tickets are required by members of the public who wish to watch the ceremony from along Whitehall and Parliament Street. It is advised that you arrive early to secure a good space for viewing the service.



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

If you would like to apply to march as a new association, please get in touch with the Remembrance Events team at Cenotaph@britishlegion.org.uk. Deadlines for submitting new association requests vary by year so please submit your request as early as possible.

What is the route of the March Past the Cenotaph?

The route 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 dismissed.

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

Details of national Remembrance events organised by The Royal British Legion can be found here: [Remembrance events | Royal British Legion](#). Please contact your local branch for details of local events in your community.

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

To discuss obtaining a plot at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey, please contact The Poppy Factory using contact details found on their website: <https://www.poppyfactory.org/>