

"I became a member because the Legion looked after my father when he had a heart attack. I was still in the Army and was serving away from home at the time. The support given to both my parents made me join the Legion when I left the services in order to do the same for someone else. I firmly believe that membership reinforces a sense of comradeship and a desire to ensure that those who need our help, receive it." **Martyn Tighe**

"When my family gave me the medals, photos and army badges of my granddad who served as a rifleman during WW2, I was inspired to find out more about his life and ensure his story was never forgotten. Having done some research, I found out that he devoted a lot of his time to the Royal British Legion and that got me thinking: how can I say thank you and give something back to my granddad? The answer was simple: join the Legion and carry on his work, help people just like him, and ensure their stories are never forgotten." **David Jones**



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# BE A LEGION MEMBER



**Shoulder to shoulder  
with all who Serve**

## JOIN THE LEGION FAMILY

- Become part of a network of people who care about the Armed Forces family
- Support our campaigning work
- Have your say in the future of the Legion
- Enjoy friendship and comradeship
- Get involved nationally, locally or overseas
- Access special discount schemes
- Open to all supporters of the Armed Forces family



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More details and online  
application form can be found at  
[www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership)



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

All new and reinstated members should pay by Direct Debit

## SECTION A: must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS by all applicants.

If previously a Legion Member, please give Membership No:			
TITLE	FORENAME(S)	SURNAME	POST NOMINALS
FLAT NO / HOUSE NO/NAME			
STREET			
TOWN		COUNTY	
POSTCODE		COUNTRY	
GENDER: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		HOMETEL	
DATE OF BIRTH		MOBILETEL	
EMAIL <i>(Preferred method of communication with members)</i>			
<p><b>All members between the ages of 12 to 16 (inc) years will automatically be enrolled as Youth Members. Full membership will commence from the age of 17. If you are signing up as a Youth Member please ask your parent / guardian to sign below.</b></p>			
Parent/guardian's full name: _____ Signature: _____			

## SECTION B: not mandatory but we would be most grateful if you would complete this section if you are a UK tax payer. **Gift Aid costs you nothing.** It simply allows The Royal British Legion to reclaim tax on your membership subscription and/or donations.

Gift Aid Declaration - for past, present and future membership subscriptions and donations. Please treat as Gift Aid donations, all qualifying gifts of money made today, in the past 4 years and in the future. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand The Royal British Legion will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 Apr 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 Apr 2008.

*(please tick the box)* Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify The Royal British Legion if you:** want to cancel this declaration / want to change your name or home address / no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

You can instantly join online at: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership)

# SECTION C: VOLUNTARY ANNUAL DONATION

(For Direct Debit payers only)

<p>I would like to make an <b>annual donation</b> to the <u>Benevolent Fund</u> of:</p> <p>£1 <input type="checkbox"/> £5 <input type="checkbox"/> £10 <input type="checkbox"/> £20 <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>£ _____ (please state amount)</p> <p>The central benevolent fund incorporates the core activities of the Legion such as operating Care Homes and Welfare Break Centres, giving grants, providing resettlement training and acting as the custodian of Remembrance.</p>	<p>I would like to make an annual donation to the <u>General Fund</u> of:</p> <p>£1 <input type="checkbox"/> £5 <input type="checkbox"/> £10 <input type="checkbox"/> £20 <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>£ _____ (please state amount)</p> <p>The General fund incorporates the transactions relating to the administration of the membership of the Legion.</p>
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## SECTION D:

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit.



Originator's Identification Number 

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To: The Manager
Bank/ Building Society
Address
Postcode

Reference Number (leave blank)

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### Instruction to your bank or Building Society

Please pay The Royal British Legion from the accounts detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with The Royal British Legion and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/ Building Society.

Signature(s)
Date

Bank and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions from some types of account.

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)
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Bank Sort Code

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Bank/Building Society account number

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**SECTION E:** to be completed only by Serving or ex-Service applicants.

I am *\*currently Serving/\*have Served* in the Armed Forces (*\*delete as appropriate*)

RN  RM  ARMY  RAF Volunteer Reserve (*Please tick appropriate boxes*)

**SECTION F: DATA PROTECTION**

The Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal value your support. We will collect and process all personal data in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will use information provided by you for administrative and fundraising purposes. We may contact you with **fundraising appeals, activities, information on our charitable work and other goods and services**. Please tick the box to indicate your preferred method of communication:

By post  By telephone  By email  No Communication

The Royal British Legion may share your data with its trading subsidiary Royal British Legion Trading Limited and its trading name Poppy Direct who may send you **information about goods or services** which they believe may be of interest to you. Please tick the box to indicate your preferred method of communication:

By post  By telephone  By email  No Communication

The Royal British Legion may also pass details about you to other carefully selected companies who support Poppy Direct and may wish to offer you **goods or services** which it believes may be of interest to you. Please tick the box to indicate your preferred method of communication:

By post  By telephone  By email  No Communication

The Legion magazine is available to download from The Royal British Legion website.

If you **don't** want to receive a copy of the Legion Magazine via **post**, please tick the box:

**SECTION G: FORMAL APPLICATION**

I understand that any voluntary donation I have agreed to (detailed in voluntary donation section above) will be collected when my subscriptions are first collected by Direct Debit and thereafter on 1st October every year until otherwise notified. I accept and support the aims and objects of The Royal British Legion. I understand that all members of the Legion have an equally important and valued part to play in actively supporting those aims and objects. I promise to use every endeavour to promote the comradeship and service which is the keystone of The Royal British Legion.

For application forms signed and dated\* by the Branch between 1 October and 30 June: You will receive a membership card that expires next 30 September. If paying by cash you will have to renew from the day after expiry by visiting your branch. If paying by direct debit you will have your renewal card sent to your home address.

For application forms signed and dated\* by the Branch between 1 July and 30 September: You will be charged the Membership fee agreed for the year commencing 1 October for the year of joining, thus gaining up to three months 'free' membership for the remainder of the current year. The cards sent to you will therefore have an expiry date of 30 September the year after joining.

\*If not dated the date of joining will be the date processed by Head Office.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION H:** to be completed by the Branch Official.

BRANCH NAME

BRANCH NUMBER: **BR**

*Only one of the following boxes must be ticked or the application cannot be processed:*

Member will pay immediately by Direct Debit

Member has paid Cash/Cheque for initial membership and completed Direct Debit mandate for next Legion year

Member has opted to pay by Cash/Cheque

Youth Member (*single cash payment*)

Branch Official (*print name*):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The member has also been accepted into \_\_\_\_\_ Club Limited,  
number: (if known) **CL** \_\_\_\_\_

*This information is required if the Legion is to collect Club Subscriptions by Direct Debit. If the Club is not registered to enable us to collect subscriptions, only Branch Subscriptions will be collected. Clubs are independent and subject to their registered rules.*

**Please send completed form to:**

If the box above is left blank please send the form to your local County/District Secretary - their details can be found at [www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/counties-and-branches/counties](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/counties-and-branches/counties). Alternatively please call **0808 802 8080** for details.

FOR BRANCH RETENTION

Title	
Full name	
House no/name	
Street	
Town	
County	
Postcode	Country
Email	
Tel	
Joining date	
Membership No <i>(new members leave blank)</i>	
Payment: Direct Debit / Cash / Cheque <i>(delete as applicable)</i>	
Membership Fee: £_____	Branch Subscription: £_____
Branch Joining Fee: £_____	Club Subs./Joining Fee: £_____
Signed by: _____ Print name: _____	
Appointment: _____ Date: _____	
<p>For application forms signed and dated* by the Branch between 1 October and 30 June: Applicants will receive a membership card that expires next 30 September. Cash payers will have to renew from the day after expiry by visiting their branch. Members paying by direct debit will have their renewal card sent to their home address.</p> <p>For application forms signed and dated* by the Branch between 1 July and 30 September: Applicants will be charged the Membership fee agreed for the year commencing 1 October for the year of joining, thus gaining up to three months 'free' membership for the remainder of the current year. Cards sent to members will therefore have an expiry date of 30 September the year after joining.</p> <p><i>* If not dated the date of joining will be the date processed by Head Office.</i></p>	

MEMBER'S RECEIPT (and temporary proof of membership)

Branch name		Branch number <b>BR</b>
Joining date	Membership No <i>(new members leave blank)</i>	
PAYMENT RECEIVED BY: <b>CASH / CHEQUE</b> <i>(delete as applicable)</i>		
Membership Fee: £_____	Branch Subscription: £_____	Branch Joining Fee: £_____
Club Subscription: £_____	Club Joining Fee: £_____	Voluntary <b>Annual</b> Donation: £_____
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH: £</b> _____		
PAYMENT BY: <b>DIRECT DEBIT*</b>		
Membership Fee: £_____	Branch Subscription: £_____	Branch Joining Fee: £_____
Club Subscription: £_____	Club Joining Fee: £_____	Voluntary <b>Annual</b> Donation: £_____
<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID BY DIRECT DEBIT: £</b> _____		
<i>*All fees are subject to change annually.</i>		
Signed by: _____ Print name: _____ (Branch Officer)		
Appointment: _____ Date: _____		
<b>This receipt provides proof of membership of this Branch and of The Royal British Legion.</b>		
<b>The Direct Debit Guarantee</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society.</li> <li>• If the amount to be paid or payment dates change The Royal British Legion will notify you at least 7 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.</li> <li>• If an error is made by The Royal British Legion or your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your Bank or Building Society of the amount paid.</li> <li>• You can cancel your Direct Debit at any time by writing to your Bank or Building Society. Please also send a copy of your letter to us.</li> </ul>		
<b>This guarantee should be retained.</b>		
<b>Data Protection</b>		
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