

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND

23 Drumsheugh Gardens

Edinburgh EH3 7RR

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TO ALL BRANCH SECRETARIES
AND AREA SECRETARIES

This new leaflet which replaces "Facts Tell" is available for display and distribution at Legion Functions - particularly those at which the general public are present.

Supplies are available free from the Publicity Department.

Membership application forms will continue to be available from the Cashier's Department.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I. (Block Capitals)

of (Home Address)

accept the principles of THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND, as set out on reverse, and wish to become a member.

I declare I owe allegiance to the Crown.

Regiment, RN or RAF

Date of joining..... Date of Discharge.....

Rank..... Official No.

Proof of Service will be required

State Branch of Legion if formerly a member

Date..... Signature.....

Proposer

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PRINCIPLES

To unite under one head all those men and women in Scotland who have served at any time in any branch of the Services.

To assist them, their widows and dependants, in all their difficulties, in pension matters, in the relief of distress, in finding employment and re-establishing them on their return to civilian life.

To raise funds to carry on the above work.

To perpetuate the Memory of those who died in the Service of their country.

No Government Grant is asked for or received.

The Legion is democratic, non-sectarian, and not affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or political organisation.

If you have served in any of Her Majesty's Forces you should JOIN NOW and help, not only yourself, but others as well.

MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ON ADJOINING PAGE

WHAT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND OFFERS TO YOU

Comradeship at a high level with fellow ex-Servicemen and women of the Armed Forces.

In many branches splendid clubs in which to meet with former comrades.

A wide range of indoor and outdoor sporting activities, competing for inter-Area, National and International trophies.

Year round programmes of social activities for members and their wives and friends.

The assistance and services of trained welfare and pensions officers to give advice and practical help with problems in these fields.

Finally, a challenge of every ex-Serviceman to take an active part in protecting the interests of the disabled and the widows and dependants of the fallen.

JOIN THE LEGION NOW



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Every year about 5,000 Scots leave the three Services and settle down in Civvy Street again. There they join that great Army of ex-Servicemen who have served Britain well during the past fifty years or so.

Back in civilian clothes again, many ex-Servicemen miss the comradeship of Service life. Whether they were in The Royal Navy, The Army or The Royal Air Force, there will have been strong pressure to join an Old Comrades Association of their Service, Regiment or Corps. These Organisations do fine work, but they simply cannot provide a branch in every locality.

This is why The Royal British Legion Scotland is so important because it embraces ALL EX-SERVICEMEN AND EX-SERVICEWOMEN, whenever or wherever they served in H.M. Forces.

There are 300 Branches of The Royal British Legion Scotland stretching from UNST in Shetland to STRANRAER in Wigtownshire. Wherever you live in Scotland there will be a branch of The Legion to welcome you and to offer you the "Service Not Self" which is described in this pamphlet.

Although The Royal British Legion Scotland offers comradeship in many forms, principally through club-life and sport—everyone should be aware of the deeper meaning and purpose of The Legion—duty to Queen and Country, to our Comrades and our Branch, readiness at all times to foster the spirit of brotherhood and mutual helpfulness, and in particular to help those who have fallen on hard times.

Welcome to The Royal British Legion Scotland.

PENSIONS

One of the most important of the Legion's activities is its pensions work. It is the aim and object of the Legion to ensure that every ex-Serviceman, especially a disabled ex-Serviceman, receives his proper pension and allowances and representations on behalf of individual ex-Servicemen and women are always being made to this end.

The Legion continually brings its influence to bear on Government to ensure that War Pensions and Service Pensions are increased and brought up to modern standards.

The Legion's Areas and Branches advise and assist ex-Servicemen on their pension problems and make representations on their behalf.

At National Headquarters there is a specially trained staff who can deal with all complications which can arise from a pension problem. Claims for and re-assessment of disablement pensions are continually being dealt with—whether arising from First or Second World War disablements and diseases or from injuries received in the Forces recently. Most important, National Headquarters assists and undertakes representation at the War Pensions Appeal Tribunal hearings; over 85% of such hearings, and there are over 250 a year, are represented by the Legion, assisting ex-Servicemen to put their case.

In addition to all other claim and re-assessment pension work, since the Second World War over 25,000 ex-Servicemen and women have been assisted at Appeal Hearings and over £1 million has been obtained for ex-Servicemen and women. If an ex-Serviceman or woman has a pension problem the Legion will deal with it expertly and sympathetically.

WELFARE

The Legion offers to all ex-Service personnel, widows and dependants, a comprehensive welfare service, backed by fifty years of experience in dealing with the problems which normally affect men and women, on recent release from H.M. Forces or who have served in any of the three Services, in war time or in peace time, as Regulars, Territorials, Volunteers, or whatever, in the Armed Forces of the Crown.

Advice and help in respect of such basic matters as Employment, Housing, Finance, etc., are dealt with daily, and there is special concern for those who are elderly and disabled. Whatever the problem, and these may be many and varied, the Legion is always ready to assist in finding a solution.

CLUBS AND SPORTS

The Legion's main role is the welfare of the ex-Service community and of course an essential part of this is to provide the facilities whereby those who served can continue their comradeship by getting together of an evening in the pleasant surroundings of a Legion Branch Club, or competing in some sporting event.

The Legion has almost a hundred Branch Social Clubs throughout Scotland and the sporting facilities for Branch members at Area and at National level involve twelve different sports, including, Curling, Shooting, Angling, Bowling and Golf.

When you join the Legion there is never a dull moment. There is something for everybody and that includes your wife. The degree of participation is up to you, and the Legion always welcomes those who are prepared to work as well as play.