

Never letting it fade



The Legion defends the wellbeing and dignity of ex-Service men and women. I believe it is a symbol of our country's compassion and sense of duty. Without its sterling work, too many people would forget the sacrifices Service men and women have made, and continue to make, defending our freedom. This is why I passionately believe that it is our duty to ensure the Legion can continue fighting for our forgotten heroes; ex-Service people who are too proud to ask for help and have now fallen on hard times. One of the best ways of doing this is

by leaving them a donation in your Will – please, do your duty today. Without the Legion, the heroic deeds of our brave ex-Service men and women today and in the future will simply fade away and they will be left alone in their hour of need. We cannot allow this to happen.

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“We will
remember
them”





For many brave heroes the real battle begins when the war ends...



John's greatest battle

John served for 13 years and, involved in booby trap clearance, lived every day with very real danger. But when John left the Services, he faced his toughest battle – cancer. It was so severe that for 18 months he became a prisoner in his own home, unable to move independently. This was very hard for a fiercely proud soldier like John and he became extremely depressed.

Thankfully, Major Harding from Combat Stress contacted the Legion. Our local County Field Officer immediately

conducted a thorough assessment of John's situation and raised the funds to buy a Pegasus electric scooter. At last John had his freedom back and, despite his own ill-health, began to raise money for the children's ward of his local hospital.

“Many thanks for your generosity, it really has made me able to regain my pride, self-respect, and given me the opportunity to help others.” John.

The price of patriotism

David's loyalty cost him dearly in the Falklands. A day after the cease-fire was announced, he stood on a landmine. Despite three operations to save his left leg, it had to be amputated.

Ever the soldier, David went straight back on active service. His brave face hid the endless nights of trauma and pain he suffered adapting to his disability. Indeed, David's attitude was so inspirational that the Army asked him to help badly injured soldiers come to terms with their disabilities.

But when David needed help he was denied the full pension and Motability Supplement he was entitled to.

“It's been a long hard battle getting justice for David, but thanks to the Legion we have finally won.” David's wife.

Desperate for help, his wife contacted the Legion. We secured his Motability Supplement and had his War Pension increased by 30%. David is using some of his Motability Supplement to pay for a specially adapted car that gives him greater independence and freedom.



In the future the number of ex-Service people requiring our assistance is likely to increase and, without donations in Wills, we may not be able to keep pace with this demand. Please act today and remember people like John and David in your Will.

The stories in this leaflet are true but some names have been changed and models used to protect the privacy of the people concerned.

The importance of your Will

A Will is one of the simplest ways to safeguard the future of your family and friends and gives you a wonderful opportunity to remember your favourite charities. It is the best way of ensuring that your wishes are followed and can help reduce the worry to your loved ones at what is already a stressful time. In some cases your Will can be drafted so as to minimise or eliminate any Inheritance Tax which might otherwise be payable.

Not having a Will means that you die intestate and your estate will then be shared out according to statutory rules. If this happens, your loved ones may not benefit in the way you want and the charities you support are unlikely to benefit at all.

If you already have a Will you are free to amend it as often as you want. All you have to do is tell your solicitor the changes you wish to make. If you just want to add, alter or remove a gift, your solicitor may decide to draft a codicil (a supplement making a minor change or addition) to your Will.

Pledge your allegiance to our forgotten heroes

Please read 'Three simple steps to remembering the Legion' which is included in this pack. It tells you everything you need to know about remembering the Legion in your Will. When you include the Legion in your Will, please could you inform us of your decision? This will give us the chance to say thank you and enable us to avoid contacting you inappropriately in future.

Our thanks

Should you choose to remember the Legion in your Will, we will send you an exclusive badge as a token of our gratitude. As a further tribute to your generosity, when we receive your donation we will enter your name in our Book of Remembrance, which is on public display at Pall Mall.

