Welcome to the sixth RAVC Newsletter – June 2026

Dear Friends,

This sixth RAVC Newsletter is for your information. It predominantly deals with only three things,

1. Registration details for the RBL March past at the Cenotaph.

2. Online Event Next Thursday at 1330 hrs Thu 18 Jun 2026 1300 hrs MS Teams 'on line' presentation. The Presentation by Emma Worrall regarding the Army's Military Working Dog capability during the First World War Please see link etc further below.

3. Donations for a RAVC Memorial to be designed, constructed and placed at Kendrew Barracks, the future new home of 1 MWD Regt, post Aug 2026.

Those wishing to attend the Cenotaph Parade must send their First name (as in their Passport), their Last name (as in their Passport), and their current valid email address to me at csmjham451@yahoo.co.uk by 1 Aug 2026. I will then send an invite to those who have emailed me for each individual to apply themselves by 30 Sep 2026. Please note there are on 15 places. If you apply you are expected to attend. **Any questions please ask me on the above email.**

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion's March Past the Cenotaph

Dear Christopher Ham,

Thank you for applying for tickets to participate in the Royal British Legion's March Past the Cenotaph which will be held

on Sunday 8th November 2026. We are honoured that your association will be marching at the Parade this year.

As per previous years, the number of spaces on the veterans' parade will remain limited at 10,000 places. We therefore cannot guarantee that associations will receive the number of tickets they initially applied for, but we have matched requests where possible. We are pleased to have received a significant number of new association requests this year, and as a result, associations may not be receiving the same allocation they might have done in previous years. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We are pleased to offer Royal Army Veterinary Corps Association, **15** places at this year's Cenotaph Parade.

Eligibility

We kindly ask that associations register individuals who adequately reflect the depth and breadth of the veteran community, **with particular priority being given to those who have not marched previously**. Regrettably, we are capped at 10,000 attendees due to the capacity of Horse Guards Parade.
The eligibility criteria are as follows:

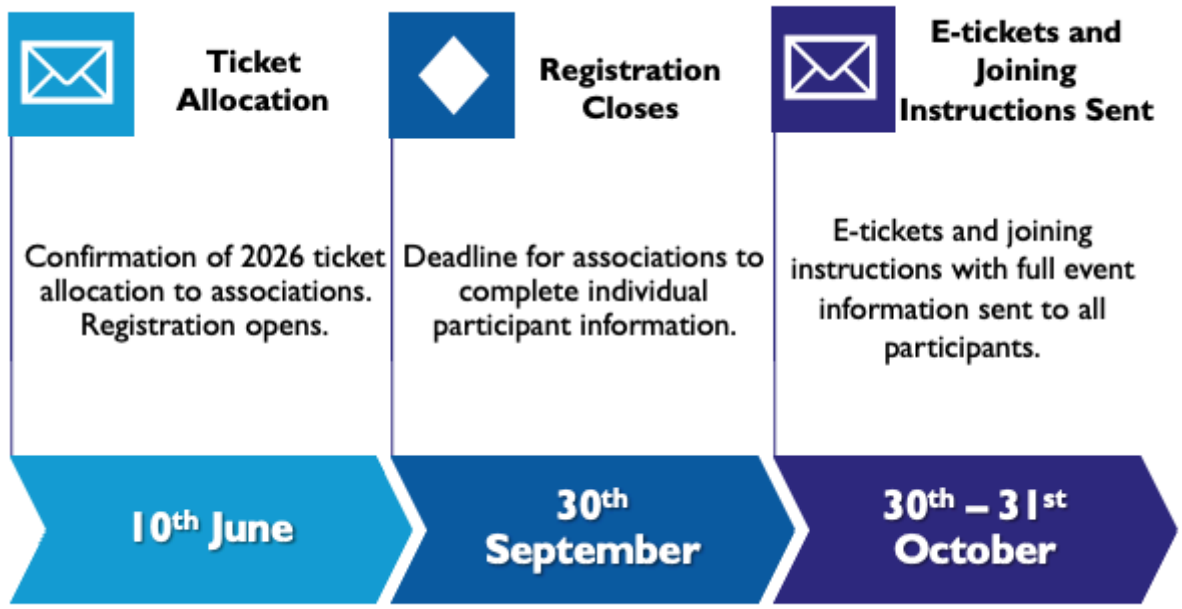
- Ex-service personnel from the UK and the Commonwealth who have served the Crown.
- Retired emergency services personnel from the UK and Commonwealth who have served the Crown.
- Partners or first-generation family members of those who served in His Majesty's Armed Forces and have died. This **only** includes the following:
    1. Wives, husbands, partners or civil partners
    2. Siblings
    3. Parents
    4. Children
- Those marching on behalf of their organisations that have historically played a significant role in times of conflict, supporting the Armed Forces community or who are key organisations in Remembrance.
- A carer of a veteran requiring wheelchair assistance.

As this is a veterans' parade, currently serving personnel, including full-time and part-time reservists, are are not permitted to take part. Civilians cannot take part unless they meet the eligibility criteria above.

As any carer accompanying a veteran will be included within the 10,000 attendance-cap; where appropriate, the option of one veteran assisting another for the duration of the dispersal should be considered.

Important Dates

Please see below key dates for 2026. **Please note that you will have 16 weeks from 10th June to register participants.**



Remembrance Sunday Timings

Event day timings will be communicated in the joining instructions sent out on 30th-31st October. Due to security reasons, we are not able to share this information before this point.

- Individual security checks will take place before entry to Horse Guards Parade. Ticket holders must bring photographic ID with them to gain access.

Order of March

The Order of March is the order in which the columns march in the parade. All columns will rotate positions on a yearly basis, with the exception of the Youth and Remembrance Columns. The Youth column will continue to conclude the parade.

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Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/313910913585398?p=gNbryi5reOjaiqCwam
Meeting ID: 313 910 913 585 398
Passcode: 2Ty2qB2W

Honouring the Royal Army Veterinary Corps – A Memorial for the Future

The Royal Army Veterinary Corps (RAVC) has proudly served alongside our Armed Forces, supporting both personnel and Military Working Animals with unwavering dedication. To commemorate the service and sacrifice of our Corps personnel, we are planning a **permanent Memorial** at **Kendrew Barracks**, the future home of **1 MWD Regiment** from August 2026.

We invite **members of the public, veterans, and friends of the Corps** to play a part in this important tribute:

Share Your Ideas: If you have suggestions or designs for the Memorial, I would love to hear from you. Your input will help shape a fitting tribute.

Support through Donations: Contributions of any size are warmly welcomed. Donations will help fund the creation and installation of this lasting tribute. Please remit to:

Royal Army Veterinary Corps Central Fund: RBS Business Account, Account No 10127890, Sort Code 16-19-26. Please add your 'Surname & Memorial Gift' as a reference please when sending a donation.

Together, we can ensure that the dedication, courage, and service of the RAVC are remembered for generations to come. Join us in creating a legacy that honours those who have served.

Thank you.

Chris Ham.
Lt Col (Retd) Chris Ham MBE - RAVC Regimental Secretary (Interim).