

Cenotaph 2025

Please ensure you read this email in its entirety, as some details have changed from previous years.

We are honoured that there are a large number of associations who participate in the Cenotaph Parade on an annual basis and appreciate you will have received our communications many times. However, there are also a number of new associations participating this year for whom the process will be new, and we want to ensure that, for all involved, there are no surprises later on.

Please be aware that while we greatly appreciate your participation in the Cenotaph Parade, we cannot guarantee an annual invitation for associations. Each year, we receive a significant number of new association requests and therefore we must allow new associations the chance to participate.

In accordance with His Majesty's Government's plans for this year's ceremony, the number of spaces on the veterans' parade will remain limited to 10,000 places. We cannot guarantee your association will receive the number of tickets that you initially apply for. Furthermore, we have received a significant number of new association requests and as a result, associations will not be receiving the same allocation they might have done in previous years. We will review each association's ticket requests based on the number of tickets allocated and used in previous years and also consider (where practical and possible) any key anniversaries that your association may be marking. Our intent remains to seek as broad a representation of the veteran community as is possible and to ensure that as many eligible veterans are given the opportunity to take part in the parade.

Important Dates

Please see below key dates for 2025. Kindly note that you will have 15 weeks from 10th June 2025 to register participants.





Remembrance Sunday

- Event day timings will be communicated two weeks before the event in the joining instructions. 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 and proof of address with them to gain access.



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 is 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 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.
