

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is calling on service personnel and veterans of the Iraq War (Op Telic 2003-2011) to come forward and register for an event at the National Memorial Arboretum commemorating 15 years since the official end of the conflict.

[Details from the RBL:](#)

The event, on 22nd May, will pay tribute to those who served in the Iraq War and recognise and honour the 179 British Armed Forces personnel who lost their lives, the 6,000 who were injured, and their families, and the bereaved.

British Armed Forces joined the US-led Coalition in Iraq, named Operation TELIC, in March 2003. In the years that followed until its conclusion in May 2011, violence escalated as a growing insurgency developed into sectarian conflict. British personnel, alongside Coalition partners and Iraqi colleagues, faced constant threats including roadside bombs, snipers and rocket attacks, both on patrol and in barracks.

- [The National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire](#)