



# THE PLYMOUTH VETERAN

## JOURNAL OF THE FEDERATION OF PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the first edition of this new journal in which we hope to report on the activities of the Federation and of the member Associations. The intention is to give you reports on events that have happened since the last Federation meeting and news of events coming up in the future and we also intend to include news of interest to member Associations. For this to work we need you to send us news and photographs of events that you think would be of interest to other Associations and also any future events that you would like to be included.

The intention is for this journal to be not only the officers of Associations but also Association members so we ask you to give it as wide a distribution as possible to members and anyone else you think might be interested.

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## PAST EVENTS

The **Battle of Britain Memorial Service** took place at St Andrews church on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Air Training Corps consisting of eight adults, forty cadets, in two flights, with the ATC Standard on parade formed up outside Barclays Bank and marched to St Andrews. Many Federation Associations also paraded their standards at the church. The service was attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chas Singh and the Mayor of Saltash Councillor Ghee as well as other dignities. After the service the ATC marched past outside the Guildhall and then returned to Barclays bank, and after a few words from Wing Commander F. Reis OC Plymouth and Cornwall Wing the parade was dismissed. (No photos are available)

The **Dedication of the Standard of the RBL Plymouth City Centre Armed Forces Support Branch** took place at the Minster Church of St Andrews on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The service was lead by the Rev. Nick McKinnel and the reading was given by Brigadier Martin Smith, Commander 3 Commando Brigade RM who is also the president of the Branch. The service was also attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Chas Singh. After a very

moving service the Standard Bearers and new standard and members of the branch assembled outside the west door for a photograph.



Standards outside the church



New Standard after Dedication

**Merchant Navy Day and Atlantic Day** As some people did not get the photos last month I have included them for you to see. The wreath laying on the Barbican was well attended and we had a glorious day for the event.

Wreath laying on the 3<sup>rd</sup> SeptStandards on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## FUTURE EVENTS

You are probably aware that the **REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL** in the Pavilions is fast approaching and most of the planning and organisation has now been completed. The rehearsal will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 1800 in the Pavilions and the event itself is at 1930 on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets at £9 are available from 0845 146460 and at [www.plymouthpavilion.com](http://www.plymouthpavilion.com) and at the box office 90 minutes before the performance. Entry is free to all serving and reserve forces and families on production of an ID card. This event was very successful last year and promises to be even better this year so buy tickets and encourage your friends to attend.

**Remembrance Sunday** This will take place at the Naval Memorial on the Hoe at 1100 on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> November. More on that next month.