



THE PLYMOUTH VETERAN

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Welcome to the Third edition of this 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 journal is not only for the officers of Associations but also for 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



Remembrance Festival

This month we have had our premier event of the year, the Remembrance Festival held on the 9th of November at the Plymouth Pavilions. I am glad to say it was a great success and below are some memorable photographs taken by Ossie Glover who I would like to thank for allowing us to use the images of the Festival and Remembrance Sunday in the Journal. Ossie also produced the Federation calendars more about which I shall say later.

Our first picture shows the Festival Director and Patron of the Federation Commander Charles Crichton OBE RN introducing our presenter Lt Commander David Braine RNR stood behind.



Garth Wright the last surviving Plymouth Dunkirk veteran leads on the Standards of the Ex-Services Associations.



Part of the Naval Standards, lead by Ann Grantham the Standard Bearer for the WRNS Association followed by the Royal Marine and Royal Naval Association Standards.



The last of the naval standards brought up by Ray Jago carrying the RFA Association Standard with the Merchant Seafarers Standard behind. Just out of shot on the left is Richard Bendell RM the Federation's Parade Marshall who planned and was in charge of the march on of Standards.



The Army Associations marching on.



The RAF Association marching on lead by Graham Hillier.



The Korean Veterans Standard, carried by Peter Clark, leads on the Standards of the Campaign Associations.



Some of the Royal British Legion Standards march on.



Finally the flags of the four countries of the United Kingdom precede the Union flag carried by a member of the Devon and Cornwall police.

The concert which included the Royal Marine Band, the Military Wives choir and the HMS Heroes Military Kids choir, together with the City of Plymouth Pipe Band was very much enjoyed by all. This also included a display by each of the of the Cadet Corps and it was very hard to judge which was the best, though the Corps of Drums of the Plymouth Division Royal Marine Volunteer Cadet Corps gave a very impressive display.

After the concert the Act of Remembrance was conducted by the reverend Peter Warland RN and the EXHORTATION was read by Cliff Hilcoop of the Normandy Veterans Association and the KOHIMA was said by Bernard Chapman of the Burma Star Association.

Finally the Federation would like to thank the Plymouth Youth Concert Band directed by Barrie Mills for entertaining the audience before the start of the concert.



On the left are some of the Chelsea Pensioners and Standard bearers and escorts seated on the right of the stage.

Below are the figures representing the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force and Civilians from the Second World War who stood during the Act of Remembrance.





Each year the Federation presents engraved medallions to the Cadet of the year as nominated by each of the Cadet Corps, the Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force, the Air Cadets and the Royal Marine Volunteer Cadet Corps.

Left is Joshua Robinson, RAF Cadet of the year and overall cadet of the year with his proud Father and Commanding Officer.

Remembrance Sunday

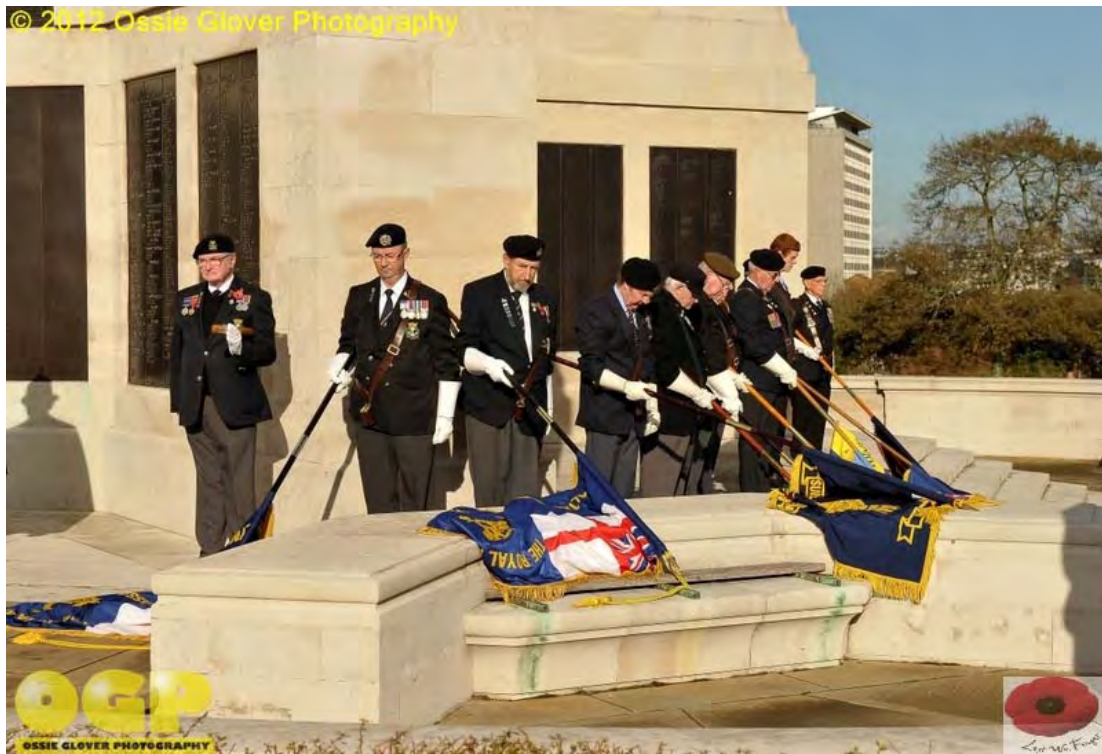
The day proved to be fine though a little cold and the Veterans and their Standards assembled at the Citadel for a cup of coffee before forming up under the watchful eyes of the Parade Marshals.



A welcome splash of colour was added this year by members of the Devonport Field Gun Association in their maroon blazers, a change from the usual dark Blue. The parade formed up and marched to the Naval War Memorial on the Hoe behind the Royal Marine Band and the Royal Marine Guard. Pictured above are the Standards marching on to the Hoe with the Federation's Parade Marshal Richard Bendell RM on the left, who was involved in planning the parade . Below are the Veterans following the Standards with several of them carrying wreath to be laid at the Memorial after the Main Dignitaries have laid wreaths.



Above are the Standard Bearers on the left of the Memorial with Ann Grantham on the right and Ray Jago in the middle.



The Standard bearers on the right of the Memorial at the dip during the two minutes silence. Royal Naval Association Parade Marshal Jim Paterson is on the left and next to him is Graham Fulcher the RNA Plymouth Standard Bearer, third from left is John Stewart Standard Bearer and Chairman of the RNA Saltash.



On the left above are some of the standard bearers with standards at the carry. On the right are the veterans marching of the Hoe after the service with Jock* the Veterans parade marshal doing what all Sergeant Majors do shout! Rear right is Peddler Palmer the chairman of the Royal Naval Association Plymouth. On the veterans return to the citadel Jock* complemented the veterans on their smartness on parade and said it was one of the best parades he had attended recently and that he was very proud to have taken the parade.

The veterans then dispersed to several other wreath laying ceremonies at Lockyer Street, the Belvedere gardens and on the Barbican.

The Federation would like to thank all those who took part in the parade and especially all the spectators who were on the Hoe which was packed for Remembrance Sunday.

FUTURE EVENTS

The only event in December apart from the Christmas Festivities is the laying of the wreath at the grave of Hinckley VC at Ford Park Cemetery on the **31st December at 1100**. Assemble at 1030 and light refreshments will be available afterwards. As many standards as possible are required. The grave is maintained by the Plymouth RNA.

CALENDARS

The Chairman and members of the Federation would like to thank Ossie Glover and Chas Singh for their generosity in financing and production the Federation Calendar this year featuring Veterans who are delegates to the Federation. Copies of the calendar are available from the Chairman and the Secretary, details above, for £5 plus postage if required.

* Unfortunately I have been unable to find out Jock's name, if anyone reading the journal knows it then please let me know.