

From Bryan Jones

Please cascade this to all your members

In August 2018, the Legion's membership – every county, branch and standard – will be asked to assemble for a Remembrance tour of The Somme and the Ypres Salient.

GP90 - THE BIGGEST MEMBERSHIP EVENT IN OUR HISTORY

Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90) will be a modern recreation of the 1928 pilgrimage. On the 8 August 1928, the original pilgrims marched in solemn salute to the Menin Gate in Ypres under the watchful gaze of the Prince of Wales, then the Legion's Patron, to mark the 10th anniversary of the start of the "Last 100 Days Offensive", which – later that year – led to the signing of the Armistice. On the 8 August 2018, it will be the Legion's contemporary membership that will proudly carry their Standards along that very same route in Ypres.

HOW IS PARTICIPATING IN GP90 GOING TO HELP YOUR BRANCH

This will be the largest membership event in the history of the Legion and presents a huge opportunity for branches to work collaboratively within their local communities; raising the profile of the branch, inspiring the commitment of our current membership and encouraging the recruitment of others.

Attendees will take part in a full two-day programme of visits to battlefield memorial sites, trenches, cemeteries of The Somme and the Ypres Salient, as well the parade on 8 August to the Menin Gate. The tour will be in the comfort of coaches, each accompanied by a battlefield tour guide.

REGISTER YOUR BRANCH

We are inviting two members from every Legion branch to take part in GP90. The cost per branch is £1,000, to cover all transport costs, food, accommodation and travel insurance.

The Legion is hoping that the Standards of all counties and branches will be on display at the Menin Gate next year – each representing the history and the contribution of those from their community that gave so much in war, and in the years that followed. Today, as you read this, we are asking each Legion member to positively encourage their local branches to commit their participative support for this special membership event. Please read the GP90 Guide that is available on the Web Page.

For more information and to register your branch please visit: www.rbl.org.uk/gp90

Regards Bryan
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