



The Royal British Legion Dorset County Committee

To: The Royal Naval Association, Dorset

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**The Royal British Legion County Centenary Parade.
Saturday 16th October 2021: Bournemouth.**

This year sees the Centenary of The Royal British Legion both nationally and in Dorset.

One hundred years ago, the country was facing the aftermath of the First World War. Over 6 million men had served in Britain's armed forces and of those who returned, 1.75 million had suffered some form of disability, half of them permanently disabled. Nearly 900,000 did not return at all. The Legion was formed in 1921 to remember those who died, to care for all those injured, and to support the millions of dependent families. It has been helping the Armed Forces community ever since.

To commemorate those one hundred years of sacrifice and service, The Royal British Legion in Dorset is running a series of events across the county throughout the year. These Centenary projects will centre on a County Parade and Service to be held in Bournemouth on Saturday 16th October 2021 and we would like to invite you to join our County President and County Chairman, together with our members and guests on the day.

The Parade will muster at Bournemouth Pier at 1.00pm and march through the Lower and Central Gardens to the War Memorial at Bourne Avenue, where the salute will be taken and a Centenary Wreath laid.

Participants will then join members of the public to walk to St.Peter's Church in Hinton Road for a Service of Commemoration and dedication of the new County Standard to start at 2.45pm. I have attached a Time Plan for the day.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

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