

SHV&F-LP

Surrey Heath Veterans & Families – Listening Project

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Tuesday 13th March 2018

SHV&F-LP supports our Armed Forces by putting Veterans & Families first, throughout Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire, and the UK.



At 10:45am this month we give a warm welcome to Karen Butcher – Recruitment, Welfare and Progression Lead with Building Heroes.

Karen's role is to recruit, support and find on-going pathways for veterans and service leavers. She has worked for Building Heroes since October 2016, and can offer support, guidance with all aspects of health and wellbeing; as well as employment and career opportunities. For further information visit their website:

www.buildingheroes.org.uk

NEW ADDRESS:

St Mary's Church & Centre
Park Road, Camberley; GU15 2SR
10:00 am- 1:00 pm
www.shvflp.org.uk

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Our Veterans' led Well-Being group starts at 11:45am.
TalkPlus will be supporting our Well-Being group. You are welcome to attend, all it will cost you is your time, walk-ins are welcome.

VETERAN'S WELL-BEING GROUP

- * Great opportunity to shape your Veterans' Well-Being group
- * NO appointment necessary
- * Walk-in's welcome
- * Open to suggestions
- * NO waiting time

For more details on TalkPlus visit their website: www.talkplus.org.uk

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ANONYMOUS CORNER: ANONYMOUS SOLDIER | AIRMAN | SAILOR | MARINE



Why not share your favourite or least favourite Posting with us, in 140 words and characters to: surreyheath.veterans@yahoo.com
We have had quite a few replies, that will be Appearing here over the following months.



One of the best posting was Grantham in Lincolnshire. I was posted to the training wing of 5 Training Regiment RLC, which was the only Territorial Army Depot in the British Army. The camp was the old RAF Spittelgate camp, which was built in World War one. Regular NCO's where posted to the camp to train the TA soldiers and NCOs I was posted to the military skills wing teaching weapons, Fieldcraft, NBC, First Aid, Map Reading, Drill.

5 Trg Regt RLC was a camp behind the wire as the whole camp was protected by a fence, so everything was inside. My quarter was just across the road from the Junior ranks club, I found the TA soldiers and NCOs very enjoyable to work with and a good laugh. By the Pioneer.

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GRAB A SNACK, & COME ON BACK IT'S..... TIME FOR HOT-TOPICS



The Advertising Standards Authority recently rejected a complaint from a consumer whose Amazon Echo “smart” speaker tried to order cat food during an advert for, er, Amazon Echo which featured a consumer asking it to order Purina cat food. In the United States (US), though, the company’s Superbowl advert for the same technology triggered no home devices.

Why? In the US, Amazon used technology which “marked” the advert with a dual sound inaudible to humans but capable of being picked up by the devices, ensuring that Echo ignored any commands it heard during the advertising spot. That means an advert’s audio can give commands to the device WITHOUT the owner’s knowledge – or, to put it another way, Amazon can communicate in secret with anyone’s Echo, as indeed, in theory, could anyone else. Not in any way troubling prospect. REF: PRIVATE EYE. No 1461, page15, 23.02.28.

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WE WANT TO INTERVIEW EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR A NEW FILM

As part of the national commemoration of World War One pioneering art group **Blast Theory** have been commissioned by **14-18 NOW** to make an interactive feature film.

The film explores why some of us choose to go to war while others opt to remain at home, and

puts the audience at the heart of the conversation. Screened live as a single continuous shot, **To Fight** (working title) invites viewers to interact with and react to the action while they watch.

Creatively unique and technologically cutting-edge, **To Fight** asks us to consider our own convictions, whatever they are, at a time when it is just as important to both question and commit to our own beliefs.

As part of the project Matt Adams, the director and co-writer of the film, would like to interview servicemen and women. The interviews will form a central part of the research for the film as script will be derived from them. Verbatim extracts from the interviews may be used in some cases. Interviewees are free to remain anonymous if they choose. Questions will cover the experience of frontline service with a particular focus on the challenges of combat.

How do ideas about the rights and wrongs of warfare change once you experience it?

INTERESTED?

WE WANT TO INTERVIEW PEOPLE:

- WITH experience of front line combat and/or direct involvement in conflict zones
- of any gender from across the UK with diverse cultural backgrounds
- willing to speak for 60-90 minutes

INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE
IN MARCH AND APRIL 2018

BLAST THEORY **14-18-NOW**
WWI CENTENARY ART COMMISSIONS

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Abby Middleton is the Project Assistant from Blast Theory. As part of the national commemoration of WW1, pioneering art group Blast Theory have been commissioned by 14-18 NOW to make an interactive feature film exploring why some of us choose to go to war and others choose not to.

Director and co-writer Matt Adams would like to interview ex-service people and learn of their experiences of frontline service with a particular focus on the challenges of combat. The script will be derived from these interviews and verbatim extracts may be used in some cases. Interviewees are free to remain anonymous if they choose and they welcome ex-service personnel from across the UK of any gender or cultural background.

Above is the information sheet with details of how to get in touch.

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REQUESTING MEDICAL, WAR PENSION & AFCS RECORDS

To request a copy of your Service medical records or confirmation of War Pension/Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Award, you will need to submit a completed **Subject Access Request form** to

the relevant Service Records Office. The Subject Access Request form can be downloaded below on this page or from the **Government's website**. To request for a Subject Access Request form to be sent to you by post, please call our Contact Centre on 0808 802 8080 or email medicalfunds@britishlegion.org.uk

You will need to include a copy of personal identification, such as a passport, driving licence or utility bill, in order for the Ministry of Defence to be able to process your request.

The address for the relevant Service Records Office can be found on Page 1 of the Subject Access Request form.

Veterans Hearing Fund - To request the audiometry records required as part of your VHF application, please ensure you include 'Service audiometry records' in 'Part 3 – Information Requested' of the Subject Access Request form. You will need to submit the completed Subject Access Request form to the appropriate service. The address for the relevant Service Records Office can be found on Page 1 of the Subject Access Request form.

Should Service audiometry records not be available, you will receive confirmation from the MOD that states this. In such cases, please send a completed VHF eligibility application form to the above address, including a copy of confirmation from the MOD that audiometry records are unavailable.

Veterans Mobility Fund – To request a copy of your War Pension/Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Award, please ensure you include 'confirmation of receipt of War Pension/Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Award' in 'Part 3 – Information Requested' of the **Subject Access Request form**. You will need to

submit the completed Subject Access Request form to the address stated for 'Serv Pers/Vets'. The address for 'Serv Pers/Vets' requests can be found on Page 1 of the Subject Access Request form.

Once you have received a copy of your Service medical records or confirmation of War Pension/Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Award, please send a copy of the records with the appropriate eligibility application form to:

Veterans Medical Funds, The Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High Street
London SE1 1AA

Applications received by the Legion will be acknowledged within 10 working days of receipt. Applicants will be notified of the process for the second stage of the application once eligibility has been confirmed.

REF: www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finance/grants/veterans-medical-funds

OPERATIONAL LEGACY INVESTIGATIONS & INQUESTS

The Operational Legacy Support Team provides support to veterans and serving personnel with regard to legacy operations.

Overview of the Army Operational Legacy

Serving and retired Army personnel are engaged in various legal processes arising from legacy operations. The operational legacy is multi-faceted and includes criminal investigations under the Service Justice System (SJS), civilian criminal investigations, civil litigation, inquests and, when directed, public enquiries.

The Operational Legacy Support Team within the Army Personnel Services Group is a small, dedicated team which provides the Army's lead for support and advice to veterans and serving personnel on matters relating to legacy operations. Our purpose is to provide assistance to personnel affected by the

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legacy processes arising from operations in Northern Ireland (Op BANNER), Iraq (Op TELIC) and Afghanistan (Op HERRICK).

Personnel from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force affected by operational legacy matters are invited to contact the Operational Legacy Support Team within the Army Personnel Service Group who will provide details of the support available from their respective single Services.

For more information visit website:

www.gov.uk/guidance/operational-legacy-investigations-and-inquests-help-for-veterans

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We got you covered, covers stories from a variety of magazines or other publications for Veterans.

Find out what the Chair-people have to say. The Royal British Legion's Annual Conference: May 2018. The Royal British Legion: LIVE ON, January 2018 issue, Page 39.

REF: www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/legion-magazine



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WHAT IS PTSD? Dr Manveer Kaur, Senior Clinical Psychologist at Combat Stress, explains more about this mental health condition.

REF: COMBAT STRESS, Spring 2018, pages 9-11.

REF: www.combatstress.org.uk/about-us/reports-magazine

PING! Is ASDIC NEW Newsletter of the Association of Ex-Service Drop-In Centres. You can email me, if you would like to be emailed a Copy of PING!
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