

## Support for veterans living in Scotland

[www.veteransscotland.org.uk](http://www.veteransscotland.org.uk)

There is a myriad of organisations that support the veterans' community in Scotland and collectively they form Veterans Scotland. Veterans Scotland is a registered Scottish charity, and is the successor of the Scottish ex-Service Charitable Organisations (SESCO). It is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 19 November 2002.

Veterans Scotland's objectives are to relieve suffering hardship and distress and to promote the relief of need and education among:

- Men or women who have at any time served with any branch of the naval, military and air forces of the Crown or her allies
- Men or women who have at any time served with the Merchant Navy or the Nursing Services who have been involved in active service
- Wives, widows, husbands, widowers, partners, children and dependants of any of the above.

To do this, Veterans Scotland acts as a coordinating voice for the benefit of the veterans' community in Scotland without in any way interfering with or jeopardising the work of ex-Service organisations acting individually or in concert.

The activities of member organisations are organised into four main groups: Membership, Care, Housing and Support.

### Membership

The Membership pillar is led by the General Secretary of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

The Royal British Legion Scotland promotes remembrance and comradeship and in partnership with other ex-Service charities is responsible for the provision of welfare, benevolence and pension support to ex-Servicemen and women and their dependants throughout Scotland.

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### Care

The Care pillar is led by the Chief Executive of Erskine. Charities providing care for Veterans in Scotland include Erskine, BLESMA and Combat Stress

Erskine provide residential, nursing and dementia care all over Scotland

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BLESMA has Regional Welfare Officers that cover the whole of Scotland and also has a nursing home in Crieff.

Tel: 020 8590 1124 e-mail: [headquarters@blesma.org](mailto:headquarters@blesma.org) website: [www.blesma.org](http://www.blesma.org)

The Ex-Service Mental Welfare Society (Combat Stress) cares for ex-members of the Armed Forces who have psychiatric disabilities. The Society provides a welfare support team for Scotland through their treatment centre at Hollybush House, near Ayr.

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## **Housing**

The Housing pillar is led by the Chief Executive of Scottish Veterans' Residences. Deliverers of housing for veterans in Scotland have combined to create a common housing register and a common application form.

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Scottish Veterans' Residences operates in close association with Scottish Veterans' Housing Association Ltd which owns and manages the two main residences of Whitefoord House located on Edinburgh's Royal Mile and Rosendael situated in Broughty Ferry, Dundee.

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Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association provide good quality, low-cost housing for veterans, and their dependants who are partially or totally disabled or have been discharged from the Services through ill-health.

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## **Support**

The Support pillar of Veterans Scotland is led by Poppyscotland. There are four areas of activity in the support pillar: Benevolence, Advice, Support (to other organisations) (Supported) Employment for disabled ex-Service men and women.

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