



**Royal Star
& Garter**

Care with courage

**A gift in your Will ensures
veterans always have a home**

A home full of love

Connie's Story

Connie served in the Women's Royal Naval Service in WWII. Now she



lives with dementia. Her daughter, Carol, is delighted that she's living in Royal Star & Garter's Surbiton Home.

Carol says "This small frail lady was once vibrant and strong, and at the tender age of 17 was proud and happy to serve this country. I feel so

happy for my Mum that through her love and loyalty she has now been blessed to live with Royal Star & Garter.

“ It is a beautiful Home with beautiful, caring souls who look after her.

Carol, Connie's daughter

Arthur's Story

Arthur joined the Army in 1939 and served as a driver in the Signal Unit for the 1st Armoured Brigade. His regiment was attached to the Royal Dragoons and served in Europe and North Africa.

He was a long-time supporter of Royal Star & Garter, and in 2015 he came to live in our Solihull Home. We were privileged to care for Arthur for nearly five years until, sadly, he died in 2020. We were deeply grateful to learn that he had chosen to leave us a gift in his Will.



All gifts large or small make a real difference to the lives of people like Connie and Arthur - veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia.

Giving support to veterans both now and in the future

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to Royal Star & Garter in your Will.

Making a Will allows you to look after your family, loved ones and friends. It's also a chance to remember a cause close to your heart and help others.

By choosing to support Royal Star & Garter in this way you are ensuring that veterans and their partners can access the very best in care to help them live positively in the face of disability and dementia.



We live and work as one family, helping those who have had the courage to serve our country to live happy, fulfilled lives.



We promote a sense of achievement and give veterans greater independence, tailoring our care to meet their individual needs.



We provide support to enhance both mental and physical wellbeing, improving the quality of life for all our veterans.



There is always fun and friendship to be had, with a variety of activities such as music, art, hobbies, entertainment, or excursions available every day.

For further information please call us on 020 8481 7676 or contact us by email at legacies@starandgarter.org

Yvette's Story

Supporting Royal Star & Garter was a family tradition for Yvette. Her



mother began supporting us after Yvette's veteran father, Fred, died in the 1930s when she was just 18 years old. She followed in her mother's footsteps and was a loyal supporter of our work for many years.

Birmingham-born Yvette celebrated her 100th birthday (above), but sadly died in 2020 aged 101. After taking care of her family and friends in her Will, she chose to remember causes close to her heart, including our Home in Solihull.

Her cousin and executor, Russ said "Yvette was a truly inspirational woman and fiercely independent, having lived alone her whole life."

“ She was emphatic that Royal Star & Garter should get a generous bequest.

Russ, Yvette's cousin and executor



Yvette's gift was enough to fund the refurbishment of a specialist dementia kitchenette to promote independence and interest in food for our residents, and we are so grateful for her generous support.

Gifts like Yvette's are vital to our work in the years ahead. Will you please consider leaving us a gift in your Will so we can continue providing outstanding care and support to veterans and their partners?

A wonderful gift



How to make a gift in your Will

All gifts large or small make a real difference to the lives of veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia. There are two main ways to remember Royal Star & Garter in your Will:



Pecuniary gift

A fixed amount of money as a cash gift.



Residuary gift

A share or percentage of your choosing, or the whole of your estate, after you have remembered loved ones and all debts, expenses and other legacies have been paid.

Suggested wording: “I give a __% share of the residue of my estate to Royal Star & Garter, 15 Castle Mews, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2NP (Registered Charity Number 210119) for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer of Royal Star & Garter for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge for the said legacy.”

Visit us online at www.starandgarter.org/writeyourwill for practical tips and guidance on writing your Will and details of our free professional Will writing service.

Our charity details. Please remember to include our full name and registered charity number in your Will to ensure that we can be properly identified: Royal Star & Garter, 15 Castle Mews, Hampton, TW12 2NP. Registered Charity No: 210119

Important information

Making a Will allows you to look after your family, loved ones and friends. It's also a chance to remember a cause close to your heart and help others.

We recommend that you consult a solicitor or Will writing expert to ensure that your wishes are properly carried out, and we're delighted to be able to offer our supporters the chance to make or update their Wills free of charge.

Updating your Will: if you already have a Will, it is easy to include Royal Star & Garter by means of a simple codicil. This would be suitable if you wanted to make a gift of a fixed sum or a specific item. A codicil must be properly witnessed and then kept with your Will.

Remember to review your Will every five years, and update it after any significant life changes including if you get married, divorced or have new children or grandchildren, or your executor or someone named in your Will dies.

Inheritance tax: as gifts to charities are usually exempt from inheritance tax, by including Royal Star & Garter in your Will, it can help to minimise your overall tax liability.

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My Will

My Will is held by _____

The date of my last Will is _____

My executors are _____

Details of my assets can be found _____

My funeral wishes are _____

In lieu of flowers, please invite donations to _____

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Keeping a record: make sure your executor(s) or family members know where they can find details of your Will in the event of your death. We have produced a handy information card which allows you to record your personal information and wishes, to keep with your records and paperwork.

Request your free copy by emailing legacies@starandgarter.org or by calling **020 8481 7676**.

Our free Will writing service

We are pleased to offer our supporters the opportunity to write or update a simple Will for free, either online with Farewill, or face-to-face with a local qualified solicitor through the National Free Wills Network.

How does it work?



Write your Will online or by telephone with Farewill's professional support. The process is quick and easy, and your Will is checked by one of their in-house legal experts within five days to ensure your wishes are clear.

Please visit our website:
starandgarter.org/farewill



Request a Free Wills pack from the National Free Wills Network and you'll be sent a list of local participating solicitors by post. You then have 90 days to make an appointment to write your Will.

Please visit our website:
starandgarter.org/NFWN

There is no obligation to leave a gift to Royal Star & Garter in your Will. However, once you have provided for loved ones, we hope you will consider remembering us in this way.

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Thank you

We appreciate the generosity of everyone who remembers Royal Star & Garter in their Will. As a gesture of thanks we will record the names of all legacy donors in our online memorial wall which can be found at www.starandgarter.org

Get in contact

If you have any questions relating to making a gift in your Will, then please contact a member of the team on 020 8481 7676 or email legacies@starandgarter.org

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