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Images of the First World War: Veterans' charity remembers those who fought

The Royal Star & Garter Homes has launched its annual Remembrance campaign to mark the upcoming Armistice centenary.

RSGH Remembers features staff, volunteers and residents from the Charity holding photographs or medals of relatives who fought in the First World War.

The haunting black and white images, and accompanying videos, acts as a reminder of the sacrifices made by loved ones as we approach 100 years since the end of the First World War. It is being supported with the hashtag #RSGHremembers



"My grandfather survived the Battles of Somme and Arras. He was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery." #RSGHremembers

It highlights how closely linked we still are to the four-year conflict, despite it ending a century ago.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes was founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Over a century later it is still caring for the nation's military family from its award-winning homes in Surbiton, South West London, and Solihull, West Midlands, with a new Home opening in High Wycombe in 2019.

Among those featured in the campaign is resident Ned, who served in the Army during the Second World War. His father James was badly injured and lost a leg during the First World War.

Also featured is Royal Star & Garter Homes volunteer Rosemary Lever. Her grandfather survived the First World War despite fighting in the Battles of Messines and Loos and being wounded by enemy gunfire.

And Cally Madden, who works at The Royal Star & Garter Homes, is seen holding a photo of her great grand uncle Frank, who died in Gallipoli.



"my great grandfather fought in France during WWI and died of Spanish flu a month after Armistice Day." #RSGHremembers



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The Charity's Chief Executive, Andy Cole, also features in the campaign, holding a photo of his grandfather. He said: *"As we approach 100 years since the end of the First World War, we remain indelibly linked to the conflict from which the Charity was founded. It was poignant that members of The Royal Star & Garter Homes family have been remembering their relatives who served between 1914 and 1918."*



Residents at the Homes have been taking part in a series of activities and events to mark the Armistice centenary. In Surbiton, some Second World War veterans will attend the Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall, London on 11 November. Remembrance services will also take place at the Homes, while representatives from the Charity will attend local services.

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2019.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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