

Helping us to celebrate honour and bravery

Remembering The Royal Marines Museum in your Will



About the Guide

This guide is intended to give information to anyone who is considering leaving a gift to The Royal Marines Museum in his or her will. The Museum strongly recommends that professional legal advice is taken when dealing with any aspects of will making or changing, particularly if you are a supporter living outside England and Wales where different laws may apply.

Why leave a gift to The Royal Marines Museum?

Tens of thousands of Royal Marines have given their lives to protect our country and the freedoms we take for granted today.

The Royal Marines Museum celebrates achievements in times of conflict and commemorates the bravery of men who served and became wartime heroes.

We are developing the Museum's collection so it becomes the definitive record of Royal Marines history; inspiring present and future generations with its achievements.

A gift in your will (or legacy as often known) has the power to help us carry on these vital developments and continue to make the Museum inspiring and accessible to everyone.

What your gift can do

All gifts are welcome – no gift is too large or too small. Your generosity will contribute towards our Museum Development Fund that will be used in the best way possible. You can be assured that 100% of your gift will be spent on developing the Museum.

Conservation – providing a contribution can assist the preservation and care of unique and delicate items that make The Royal Marines Museum collection important for present and

future generations.

Education – your gift could assist funding programmes and events to help community groups, schools and the general public to make the most of what the Museum can offer.

Acquisition – your support could help the Museum purchase items to help expand its prestigious collection and preserve historically important material.

Access – innovative projects can help us maintain our current audience but also reach new audiences with dedicated provision for special needs visitors.

We cannot always plan for where we will need financial help most so any gift will be of maximum benefit if given unconditionally. However, if there is an area of the Museum you specifically want to support, you can direct your gift for this purpose and we will use it in accordance with your wishes.

Please also consider that gifts can be made in your memory at your funeral or service. This can be a fitting tribute for friends and family who want to contribute to a cause you felt passionately about during your lifetime.

How have legacies helped in the past?

The Museum has undergone radical changes in the last ten years. The Heritage Appeal meant a lot of necessary building work was completed including the provision of lifts and disabled access. The gifts received during this time have been integral to the success of the appeal and continue to be of enormous benefit to the Museum and its visitors.

A recent legacy of £4000 allowed us to purchase commemorative benches and make long-lasting improvements to our memorial garden.



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A Lasting Gift

Any gift is welcome and makes an enormous difference to our work.

All gifts are recognised and thanked. For anyone leaving over £10,000 we have a dedicated plaque in the Museum’s prestigious Colours Hall to which your name will be added if you wish. For gifts over £200,000 we would be able to name an entire section of the Museum in your name to make sure that your gift is a continual tribute to your generosity.

All contributions are recorded in our book of remembrance in the reception area of the Museum.

If possible, we like to keep in contact with family and friends to ensure that they are kept up to date with Museum developments and progress.

What do I do next?

If you have yet to make your will, contact a solicitor to ensure that your wishes will be carried out and are legally correct. You will need to think about the value of your current assets, who you would like to benefit, the type of gift to leave and who your executors will be. Simple information sheets are available from the Museum to help with this preparation (please see back page)

If you have made a will already, but would like to change it to include The Royal Marines Museum, contact your solicitor who will make the necessary change (also known as a codicil). There should be no need for a new will. However, most solicitors recommend that you review your will every five years to incorporate significant life changes (such as finances, births and moving home).

Your solicitor will also be able to advise a suitable wording for inclusion of The Royal Marines Museum in your will.

Important Information

If you would like to include us in your will please ensure you have the correct address and charity number as detailed below:

**The Royal Marines Museum
Southsea
Hampshire
PO4 9PX**

Registered Charity Number: 259422

For any executors who already have a gift for us, please send a cheque payable to:

“The Royal Marines Museum”



We'd love to hear from you

We'd like to thank you for your future gift and keep you up-dated on Museum developments. In particular, we would like to hear from you if you are considering leaving us an item, to give us an indication of your intentions.

All information is confidential and is not shared with third parties. It is also not legally binding if your circumstances change.

I have already remembered The Royal Marines Museum in my will

I intend to remember The Royal Marines Museum in my will

I would like to be sent the asset checklist and useful terms

By letting us know today, you are helping us plan for the future - Thank you

The Royal Marines Museum would like to keep you up to date on news, events and fundraising activities using the contact details you have supplied

In particular I would like to be kept informed about:

Conservation Education Acquisition Access

Title..... First Name(s).....

Surname

Address

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.....Postcode

Tel No

Email address

By providing us with any personal data you consent to the collection and use of any information you provide in accordance with the above purposes and the Data Protection Act.