

## Cenotaph Ceremony 2017

### Free Taxi Service for Veterans participating in the Cenotaph Ceremony

London's taxis are once again providing a **FREE TAXI SERVICE**, operating from **0800 to 1000** from various locations with a return for all those going to and from the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The service receives no subsidy or sponsorship from TfL, taxi trade suppliers or organisations. It is provided by working taxi drivers using their own vehicles, supported by those Knowledge Boys and Girls studying hard to become taxi drivers, plus non working taxi drivers and their families acting as marshals, all giving their time to help on this special day. This is the taxi trade's way of making a small payment for the sacrifices made by so many of our armed forces on our behalf.

Drivers are once again giving their whole hearted backing to providing this service, and I have been asked to help co-ordinate the taxi service. The following points have already been identified as hub pick ups

- Union Jack Club
- Victory Services Club
- Kings Cross (main line)
- Liverpool Street
- Paddington (main line)
- Fenchurch Street
- London Bridge
- Victoria (main line)
- Victoria Coach Station
- Waterloo (main line)
- Euston
- Marylebone

With wheelchair accessibility and the ability to take up to 5 persons at a time, the service should cater for all needs. Once identified, we will endeavour to provide taxis free of charge to satisfy those needs.

Please note that, especially at stations, Poppy Cabs rank alongside the working rank which is used for normal passengers. You should be careful to go to the correct rank as you may be charged if you use one from the normal rank. Look for the Poppy Cab logo (example below)

You no longer need to let us know your pick up times for any of the hub locations.

A limited service will be provided to take some veterans, particularly those in wheelchairs or with ambulatory problems, directly to and from their homes (if within the greater London area). To do this we need to identify and match up drivers living near to these veterans. However, I must point out that while every effort will be made, **there is no guaranteeing that every veteran can be matched with a driver**. An early request will be more likely to have a positive outcome.

We need to know

- Location:
- Pick up time
- Number in party

Please contact me by e-mail (use header **Remembrance Sunday 2017**) to [mike@mikehughes.org.uk](mailto:mike@mikehughes.org.uk) send an SMS message to **07973 430022** or on Twitter [@PoppyCabs](https://twitter.com/PoppyCabs)

**SECURITY NOTE: Until the security level on the day has been established we will not be able to confirm exact drop off and return pick up points until very close to, or possibly on, the day. We are hoping to have more than one return departure point. Drivers and marshals will confirm this with you when you are picked up at the start.**

Mike Hughes, Remembrance Sunday Independent Taxi Co-ordinator.

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