

# Edinburgh Festival of Remembrance aiding the charity Combat Stress



This year the annual Edinburgh Festival of Remembrance will be held in aid of Combat Stress, the UK's leading charity specialising in the care of Veterans' mental health. The event is being held in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, on Saturday 9 November 2013.

The Edinburgh Festival of Remembrance will give guests an opportunity to take time to remember those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. The story of the Arctic Convoys will be featured this year, with the help of Lieutenant Commander Ken Reith who took part in four convoys as a Naval Officer.

An organ serenade will introduce Veteran Reverend Iain May, a former member of the Merchant Navy, who will be addressing attendees. The evening will be filled with remarkable musicians, from the Royal Marines Corps of Drums, Jubilo Choir and the Phoenix Band to the Pipe Band and Dancers of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. With opera star Donald Maxwell and organist John Willmetts also giving a recital, the night promises to be a fitting musical tribute to mark this historical occasion.

This year the festival is being held in aid of Combat Stress, a charity which provides a unique and dedicated service to Veterans who are suffering from conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety disorders. In order to provide the highest standards of care to Veterans, Combat Stress provides a range of services

including residential clinical treatment, 24-hour Helpline and their Community and Outreach Service.

With over 830 Veterans receiving support in Scotland, Combat Stress aims to ensure ex-Service men and women receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time, and have supported more than 100,000 Veterans since 1919.

Kath Provan, Fundraising Officer for Combat Stress in Scotland said: "It is incredibly important to us to not only help those who have served in the army but also to remember those who have lost their lives fighting for our country. We are honoured to have been chosen by the organisers of this important event as the sole beneficiary. It is through donations like these that we are able to give Veterans the outstanding level of care which they truly deserve".

The event will be held on **Saturday 9 November** at 7pm at Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Tickets are **on sale now** at a cost of £18, £16 and £14 with a concession rate available and can be purchased via [www.usherhall.co.uk](http://www.usherhall.co.uk) or by calling the Usher Hall box office on 0131 228 1155.