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Company registration number 171814

THE LEAGUE OF REMEMBRANCE
(A company limited by guarantee)
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2006

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Constitution

The League of Remembrance is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 3 December 1920 and amended by special resolutions on 23 March 1950, 25 November 1959, 12 November 1970 and finally 5 December 2000.

(Registered under the War Charities Act 1940)

(Registered under the Charities Act 1993)

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number** 213364

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**Charity and
Registered Office
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Presidents Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC
General Sir Peter Whitely, GCB, OBE
Admiral Sir David Williams, GCB
Major-General D G T Horsford, CBE, DSO

Council

The Council members, who are also the directors and trustees, during the year under review were:

Chairman G M Redman-Brown Esq, MA, MSI

Honorary Treasurer G M Redman-Brown Esq, MA, MSI
Mr Tony Baldry MP
Mrs C Bond, OBE, RGN, S StJ
Dr Judith Ellis
Mr Andrew Fane
Lady Riches RGN
Dr N Scott-Moncrieff
Sir Brian Smedley
Sir David Innes Williams MD, MChir, FRCS

**Secretary and
Company Secretary** Miss B M Barchard, OBE, RGN, RSCN

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Bankers

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2006

Report of The Council

The members of the Council, who are also the trustees of the Charity, have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2006. The legal and administrative information set out on pages 1 and 2 form part of this report.

The League of Remembrance cares for dependants of members of The Armed Forces and retired nurses who perform a variety of services in eight London hospitals. This provides useful work, companionship, a sense of duty and a small but needed income for Remembrance Workers who are in need of help through bereavement, slender means or loneliness. No significant change in activities is foreseen.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the charity are:

The relief of persons who are in need, hardship or distress and who are either widows or dependants of former members (whether alive or dead) of The Armed Forces of the Crown, or widows or dependants of other persons who have been killed or incapacitated in or through war or civil disaster or other exceptional circumstances, or former members of The Armed Forces of the Crown, or retired members of the nursing profession.

The relief of persons in need who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm by relieving their suffering or assisting their recovery.

Powers of the Charity in furtherance of the objectives

The charity may exercise the following powers:

1. Power to maintain an organisation which can provide persons in need with useful work within their capabilities.
2. Power to organise and provide lectures and training in connection with matters relating to the objects of the charity.
3. Power to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

Report of the Chairman of the Trustees

The League has enjoyed another productive year providing service to the London Hospitals, with the Remembrance Workers enjoying the help they give and the companionship they receive.

Two new Council members were appointed in December 2005, Mr Tony Baldry MP and Dr Nigel Scott-Moncrieff. Their interest and expertise will be of great value to the Council and we hope they will enjoy their involvement with the work of the League.

The League's office has now moved into the 21st Century. Our computing facilities have been upgraded and we are now part of the hospital's internet network. We are most grateful to the staff of the IT department for their invaluable help in setting up these facilities.

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Remembrance Workers

There are at present, 36 Remembrance Workers, 33 of whom are active and 3 receiving small retirement pensions. It is with sadness that we record the death of one of our retired workers, Mrs Barbara Quirk on 22 April 2006. Mrs Quirk joined the League in 1983 and gave stalwart service to St Mary's Hospital for 16 years. She retired from active work in November 1998 because of ill health.

Long service medals were presented at the Annual General Meeting to three of our Remembrance Workers, each of whom had given 10 years service to their individual hospitals.

Mrs Eileen Carter, MBE TD works at the Wolfson Centre, Department of Child Health, Miss Ann Rowe at the Eastman Dental Hospital and Mrs Pauline Westcott at St Mary's Hospital. Their work is greatly appreciated by the hospital staff and it is hoped that they will continue for many years to come.

One of our Remembrance Workers has "gone to print". Mrs Pauline Westcott has had surgery to her knees over the past 4 years and has now written a very helpful booklet "The Book of the Knee", which she has designed to help people who have to undergo knee replacement. The booklet gives useful and practical information, written in lay terms and is easily understood, which should help to allay many fears and anxieties about this operation.

News about individual Remembrance Workers ends on a very happy note. Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Mrs Eileen Carter who is to wed Mr James Proctor next year after a whirlwind romance!

The woollies section continues to flourish under the efficient organisation of Miss Doris Smith. Although the number of knitters is declining because the need for woollies in hospital has lessened, we still continue to provide bonnets, mittens, booties and blankets for the very small children.

This year's Summer outing was to Kew Palace and Gardens, followed by lunch at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts. This was a great day out and enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Lunch at the RAF Club was held, by popular request, in January this year. The Remembrance Workers felt that this helped to prolong the Christmas festivities into the New Year! We are indebted to Mr Frank Hughes for access to the Club, which provides an excellent lunch in splendid surroundings.

The Christmas "honourarium" for the Remembrance was once again made possible by a generous donation from the Army Benevolent Fund. The donation also contributed to the Summer outing and the Christmas Lunch. We record our grateful thanks to the Fund for their continuing support and generosity.

We would like to record our thanks to Spofforths LLP for their help and advice. We would also express our appreciation of the valuable advice given to Council by Mr David Knightley and Mr Nick Davis of CCLA Investment Management.

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our regular donors and benefactors, without which the work of the League could not continue. To those whose donations are made from taxed income, Gift Aid donations are recommended. This allows the League to reclaim the tax paid and thus increase the value of the donation. Details can be obtained from the Secretary.

We remain conscious of what still needs to be done to fulfil the League's role in offering useful occupation, financial assistance and companionship to the elderly. The need to increase our fund raising in order to expand our activities remains a top priority. It is widely recognised that the ageing of population is not a transient epidemic but a permanent change in the structure of society, to which society and individuals must adapt. The League of Remembrance in its small way is responding in part to the needs of an ageing population and the potential for further expansion exists, not only in inner London but areas outside. This will only be possible if additional funding can be found.

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In conclusion we record our grateful thanks to all who already help in so many ways, to the Voluntary Service Organisers in the various hospitals where the Remembrance Workers are placed, and to the Special Trustees of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust for their continued support and accommodation to the League of Remembrance.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to record my personal thanks, and that of the Council, to Miss Betty Barchard, Secretary to the League, and to the Assistant Secretary, Mr Dennis Cassidy, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the League all carried out with great efficiency and good humour.

Finance

The Council has pleasure in presenting the accounts for the League of Remembrance for the year ending 31 August 2006, details of which are found in the financial statements included in the Annual Report.

There was a net increase in funds for the year of £74,999 (2005: increase of £95,027), which was accounted for by net outgoing resources for the year of £2,167 (2005: incoming resources of £229), and realised and unrealised gains on investments of £77,166 (2005: gain of £94,798).

The net increase in funds has been transferred to reserves.

Taxation

The League is a registered charity and as such is not liable to corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Future developments

Fund raising activities are to be vigorously pursued over the next year to make up for the predicted reduction in investment income.

Organisation structure

Under the governing document, the Council shall consist of no less than seven trustees and no more than twelve at any time. The Council members during the year are shown on page 1. Council members are elected and appointed to the Council by proposal and approval of the members. No remuneration is paid to any trustee.

The trustee recruitment policy of the League involves the discussion of the skills and qualities required to best serve the League. Appropriate persons are then approached by the Secretary who gives the potential trustee information about the League and the responsibilities involved. If the trustee is appointed, then the Secretary will go through an induction process with them.

The organisation is administered by the Secretary who is also the Chief Executive Officer, reporting directly to the Council.

Reserves policy

The Council have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the need to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves. The review concluded that to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services for the foreseeable future, a general reserve of a minimum of £1,000,000 should be maintained. This equates to approximately ten years worth of unrestricted fund expenditure. The current operating fund balance stands at £1,148,349 which is adequate to cover the reserve policy at this time.

The charity has an endowment fund which is represented by investments. The purpose of this fund is detailed in note 10 to the financial statements.

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Investment policy

The Council reviews the investment performance of its portfolio three times per year. At each of these meetings, a representative from CCLA Investment Management Limited has attended and their report has been discussed and reviewed in detail. The charity's intention is to earn the maximum from its investments that is possible in current economic conditions and considers a four monthly review will satisfy its needs.

Risk assessment

During the course of the Council meetings, which take place throughout the year, the Council members ensure that adequate measures are being implemented to identify, assess and mitigate the effects of the major risks to which the Charity are exposed.

In particular the financial risks associated with the Charity's investments have been addressed by regular review of the portfolio performance in the presence of a representative from the investment advisors.

Disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each trustee at the date of approval of this report is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Statements of Council's responsibilities

The Council is required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the net income/expenditure of the company as at the end of the financial year.

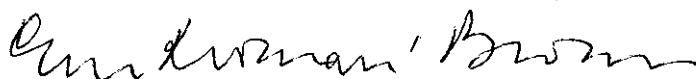
The Council confirms that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2006. The Council also confirms that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records to enable it to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report of the Council is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Council on

19/2/2007



G M Redman-Brown Esq, MA, MSI
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

THE LEAGUE OF REMEMBRANCE

We have audited the financial statements of The League of Remembrance for the year ended 31 August 2006 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective January 2005).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Trustees and Auditors

As described in the Trustees' Report the directors (who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of The League of Remembrance for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charitable company is not disclosed.

We read other information in the Trustees' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards of Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

THE LEAGUE OF REMEMBRANCE

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2006 and of its net outgoing resources for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements.



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Date:

27th February 2007

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2006

	Notes	Operating Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2006 £	2005 £
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income:					
Donations	2	20,422	-	20,422	25,690
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment income	3	50,227	-	50,227	51,095
Total incoming resources		70,649	-	70,649	76,785
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	53,302	-	53,302	56,703
Governance costs	6	19,514	-	19,514	19,853
Total resources expended		72,816	-	72,816	76,556
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before other recognised gains		(2,167)	-	(2,167)	229
Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals of investment assets	8	79,080	(1,914)	77,166	94,798
Net movement of resources in the year		76,913	(1,914)	74,999	95,027
Reconciliation of funds					
Resources brought forward		1,071,436	76,025	1,147,461	1,052,434
Resources carried forward		1,148,349	74,111	1,222,460	1,147,461

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those noted above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The income and expenditure account is incorporated in Statement of Financial Activity, for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985.

There is no difference between the net outgoing resources for the year, stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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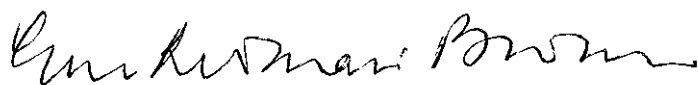
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2006

	Notes	Operating Fund £	Endowment Fund £	2006 £	2005 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	1	-	1	1
Investments	8	<u>1,133,418</u>	<u>74,111</u>	<u>1,207,529</u>	<u>1,130,363</u>
		<u>1,133,419</u>	<u>74,111</u>	<u>1,207,530</u>	<u>1,130,364</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	9	58	-	58	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>21,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,229</u>	<u>23,184</u>
		<u>21,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,287</u>	<u>23,184</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(6,357)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,357)</u>	<u>(6,087)</u>
Net current assets		<u>14,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,930</u>	<u>17,097</u>
		<u>1,148,349</u>	<u>74,111</u>	<u>1,222,460</u>	<u>1,147,461</u>
Represented by					
Restricted fund					
Endowment fund	11	-	74,111	74,111	76,025
Unrestricted fund					
Operating fund	12	<u>1,148,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,148,349</u>	<u>1,071,436</u>
		<u>1,148,349</u>	<u>74,111</u>	<u>1,222,460</u>	<u>1,147,461</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the Council on 19/2/2007



G M Redman-Brown Esq, MA, MSI
Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2006

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005), the Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Revised 2005), and with applicable accounting standards.

The principal accounting policies of the company are set out below and remain unchanged from the previous year.

Income

Income is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes income received by the investment managers on behalf of the League of Remembrance but not paid over to the League by the year end (classified as income due from investment managers within debtors). Income tax recoverable on gift aid is accounted for on an accruals basis.

A value of notional rent has been accounted for as donation income and rental expenditure, in respect of the use, rent free, of property at 55 Great Ormond Street. This figure was calculated by John Gould & Co who are Chartered Surveyors.

Direct charitable expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure includes those expenses incurred directly by the Remembrance Workers. The remaining expenditure is classified under management and administration of the charity. Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition. The cost of furniture, fittings and other office contents is charged to income and expenditure in the year of acquisition, where such costs per item are less than £500.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The annual rate used for this purpose is 20% on computer equipment.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are recorded at market value at the balance sheet date. Changes in value during the year, and profits and losses on sales, are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Cash flow statement

The company qualifies as a 'small company' under Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985. As a consequence it is exempt from the requirement to publish a cash flow statement.

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2 Donations	2006	2005
	£	£
Donations	10,672	15,940
Notional rent	9,750	9,750
	20,422	25,690

3 Investment income	2006	2005
	£	£
Listed investments	50,061	50,916
Bank deposit interest	166	179
	50,227	51,095

4 Council and employees

No members of the Council received or were entitled to receive any remuneration. No members of the Council were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2005: nil). The average weekly number of persons employed by the League during the year was:

	2006	2005
	Number	Number
Remembrance Workers (including 3 retired)	37	38
Secretary	1	1
	38	39

Staff costs	2006	2005
	£	£
Grants-in-aid and salaries	55,654	58,358
Social security costs	134	180
	55,788	58,538

No employees earned in excess of £50,000.

5 Charitable activities	2006	2005
	£	£
Grants-in-aid	49,788	52,538
Laundry	1,516	1,496
Amenities	1,998	2,669
	53,302	56,703

6 Governance costs	2006	2005
	£	£
Secretary	6,000	6,000
Printing, stationery and advertising	486	506
Other overheads	1,245	1,459
Audit fee	1,539	1,645
Payroll	494	493
Notional rent	9,750	9,750
	19,514	19,853

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At beginning of year	2,456
At end of year	2,456
Depreciation	
At beginning of year	2,455
At end of year	2,455
Net book value	
At 31 August 2006	1
<i>At 31 August 2005</i>	<i>1</i>

8 Fixed asset investments

	Book cost £	Market value 2006 £	Market value 2005 £
Investments - all UK			
Charities Official Investment Fund			
58,663 Income shares	527,055	637,379	575,906
280,256 Fixed interest shares	473,857	367,865	377,365
178,498 Property fund shares	170,000	202,285	177,092
At end of year	1,170,912	1,207,529	1,130,363
	Operating Fund £	Endowment Fund £	Total £
Investments			
At beginning of year	1,054,338	76,025	1,130,363
Realised and unrealised profits/(losses)	79,080	(1,914)	77,166
	1,133,418	74,111	1,207,529

9 Debtors

	2006 £	2005 £
Prepayments	58	-

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2006 £	2005 £
Other taxes and social security costs	776	785
Accruals	5,581	5,302
	6,357	6,087

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11 Endowment fund

The Council of the League acts as Trustee of the League of Remembrance (1914-45) Endowment Trust Fund, which is a restricted fund which must be preserved for the purpose of endowment. All contributions to the Fund are invested in the name of the League, and the investments must be kept separate from the other funds of the League.

The capital of the Trust Fund has been placed in the care of the charity commissioners COIF as the best way of securing the perpetuity of the Fund.

The income of this fund is to be paid to the League and to be used for general purposes in accordance with the establishment of the Fund on 26 November 1931.

12 Operating fund

The Operating Fund is an unrestricted fund that is used to further the charity's objectives. The fund has arisen over many years of the charity investing large donations and legacies into various types of investment to give the charity a regular return in order to carry out its charitable activities.

13 Status of the company

The League of Remembrance is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1.