



‘Demobbed’: The Social, Cultural, Political, and Economic Legacies of Military Service

30 - 31 May 2025

As we approach the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we turn to consider the lives of those who fought on the frontlines of this, and similar, conflicts. For military veterans, while the battles in which they fought may have finished, their legacies linger long after demobilisation.

The Returning Soldier Network (Manchester Metropolitan University) invites you to attend our upcoming conference examining military veterans’ experiences in the post-service landscape. This two day, in-person event will be held at MMU’s city campus, and aims to explore the aftermaths of conflict, and its effects on veteran lives, wellbeing, and identities.

Keynote speakers: Professor Simon Wessely (King’s Centre for Military Health Research) and Professor Angela Wanhalla (University of Otago, New Zealand).

Conference agenda: Provisional agenda available to view at <https://returningsoldier.co.uk/events/>.

Conference dinner: Please join us for dinner from 6:15pm on Friday 30 May at the Hyatt Regency Manchester (55 Booth St West, M15 6PQ). This will be a 3-course meal, with a choice of dishes including vegetarian/vegan option. Tickets are £65 and must be purchased in conjunction with a valid conference ticket.

Ticket options:

- £180 2-day full attendance
- £120 postgraduate attendees or MMU staff only
- £100 1-day attendance



*Demobbed soldier with civilian clothing, 1944
IWM TR 1583*

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For further information and conference agenda, visit <https://returningsoldier.co.uk/events/>. Alternately, contact us via m.moffat@mmu.ac.uk or <https://x.com/thereturningso1>.