

**Statement on behalf of the Management Board of the International Guild
of Battlefield Guides upon the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

It is with great sadness that the Guild notes the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her Majesty The Queen was the United Kingdom's greatest monarch. She was the foundation on which modern Britain and the Commonwealth were built. Her dignity and grace for 70 years in leading Britain and the Commonwealth stretches beyond most of our living memories. Her reign saw huge changes in her realm and across the planet, and her steadfast leadership in happy and less cheerful times held us together. Her death will resonate across the world, and we deeply mourn her passing.

The sense of loss within the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and our membership will be heartfelt. She was a shining example of devotion to duty and service. She personified the United Kingdom's and the Commonwealth's spirit with her unique and simple ability to bind them together.

Her Majesty's deep wisdom, historic understanding, and seemingly inexhaustible understated sense of duty marked her reign and the challenges facing His Majesty King Charles III are immense. We extend our sympathies to him and the rest of the Royal family and pledge our support as he takes on the mantle that his mother has so nobly carried throughout her extraordinary reign.

God Save The King!

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