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SEMAPHORE SHORT

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ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

One-for-one

Happy Monday to you all. Have you been spreading the word about our new free membership offer? Because we have had over 200 new members join the Association in the past two weeks!

Keeping up the good work, we'd like to present you with a 'one-for-one' challenge! In our push to reverse the declining RNA membership numbers, we would love for every current member to help us sign-up one new member, be it someone serving, a veteran oppo, an RN family member, an RN history enthusiast, or a future RN recruit.

We are also excited to remind you that the RNA Membership Cards will be issued on Friday 19th Feb (the end of this week!). The cards will be sent to Branch Secretaries to disperse to individual members.



Veterans' Gateway App

The Veterans' Gateway have just launched their new app, and we would urge all of you vets with smartphones to download it and have browse. The app helps veterans find support organisations in their area using their smartphone or tablet. These organisations cover both the Armed Forces sector and wider charity and not-for-profit sectors.

Based on your location, you can access the support you need with finances, housing, employment, relationship, physical and mental health, and more.

The directory, which is intuitive and easy to use, groups all NHS facilities across the country, and over 2,000 charitable organisations. You can either use the map tool to look for organisations in your area, or search by name, post code, or descriptive words (e.g. financial support).

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Hands to Covid Stations

Last week, we received a lovely email from Shipmate Lynne Fleming from our Liskeard Branch, which we'd like to share with you to highlight the invaluable contribution the serving Royal Navy are making to the Covid Vaccination programme...

"I recently attended Millennium House at Pensilva, Cornwall for my first Covid vaccination. Little did I know, I would once again be in the safe hands of the Royal Navy. Safely guided from car park to the socially distanced waiting area by masked civilians, I realised that each booth I could see was manned by Royal Navy personnel. Two members of the Royal Navy; one to check, assess and consent, the other to actually carry out the vaccination and clean the patient space before and after each incumbent.

Once called forward and seated, the interviewer introduced herself as Helen Evans GP and to my shame I missed the name of the rating who was busy preparing the syringe. Answering all her questions, I received the necessary advice and jab and thanked them both, saying how good it was to see the RN involved...

[Read the full story here...](#)



What's on this week (15th – 21st Feb)

- **Monday Night Fireside Chat: Alex Clarke, CEO of The China Fleet Club**

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by the CEO of The China Fleet Country Club, Alex Clarke, discussing how the club has adapted over the past 12 months and what we can look forward to in the near future. Join us **at 1800** with a glass in hand and your tot at the ready!

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- **Tuesday Night: Drawn to Remember**

[The Company of Makers](#) will host their next Zoom Art Workshop on **Tuesday at 1900**, this week focusing on the art of drawing to remember. The sketches on scrap paper from prisoners of war, the caricatures of friends and enemies, the letters and drawings from your children, are all pictures worth a thousand words. Drawn to share and remember, but also to help make memories, and to make sense of them...

[Free Ticket Here](#)

- **Wednesday Night: The Cold War: Origins and Early Years**

Queen's University Belfast lecturer, Ronnie Hanna, begins his next series of educational, 2-hour lectures on **Wednesday Night at 1900**; the first in a 10-part course on The Cold War. The course costs £60 (or £50 for concessions), and

promises to teach you everything you could want to know about the Soviet, US and allied tensions of the twentieth century. To sign up or find out more, please email Ronnie: Ronnie.hanna@btinternet.com

Join 'The Royal Naval Association: Community Site' on Facebook

If you haven't done so already, join the growing community group on Facebook where our members spin dits, host Zoom nights and update each other on branch activities. It's the best place to get your news hot-off-the-press...

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

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