ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION: Semaphore Short

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Top of the hoist!

This week, Central Office are spinning several plates at the top of the hoist, so cherry picking some updates for today's bulletin has been tricky. Below you'll find details of our latest podcast episode, our big reunion opportunity, tonight's Fireside Chat and an upcoming talk on Covid-19 and human rights of seafarers.

Ahead of all of that, we are really keen to get every member involved in our new Special Interest Groups. The list of groups is growing, with a Mobile Home & Camping group and an Equestrian group both created since we last spoke. All of our groups are looking for new members to get involved! If you don't have Facebook to join their respective online community, you can get

involved over email instead. All of the details of our groups can be found HERE.

If you don't find a group that tickles your fancy but would like to get one started, please email comms@royalnavalassoc.com to get the ball rolling!

Leaving the Navy for a new career on civvie street?

Are you going through resettlement, or thinking about leaving the Navy in the next couple of years? Or do you know someone who is? If so, this week's episode of *Dit On* is a must listen! Jenna sits down with her boss, Gus MacFarlane, to discuss tips and techniques that could help ease your career transition when you leave the military and look for a new job on 'civvie street'.

Gus is a former Army Ops Officer with the Royal Scots, who has gone on to work for multinational businesses such as Sky, Experian and now Barclays. He is currently a managing director at Barclays and is also involved in the development and success of the Barclays' Military Talent Scheme which is open to any service leaver (of any rank) within their final 6 months of resettlement. Go and give it a listen!

Listen Here

Reunite, march and remember together…

The Naval Associations' Parade (formerly known as the Biennial Parade) will take place on Sunday 12th September this year at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, and it promises to be quite the gathering, with the invitation extended to all CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) members.

This year's Parade will be particularly moving, as we use the occasion to remember all those who have crossed the bar during the pandemic, many of whom could not be honoured at their own funerals or memorial services. We will of course include reference to the late Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh in our service, as we all served under the same White Ensign irrespective of rate and rank, and I am sure it would be regarded as a gesture of support to Her Majesty The Queen if we were to turn out in appropriate numbers.

If you/your branch is intending joining this year's parade, please let us know through andy@royalnavalassc.com or admin@royalnavalassoc.com with an indication of how many of your members are likely to be swelling our ranks. Timings and further details will then be emailed to you.

(For security reasons the RNA has been asked to keep the date and timings off social media – we ask that you respect this necessary rule as well.)

What's on this week (7th June – 13th June)

- Monday Night Fireside Chat: The restoration of a D-Day giant

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight,** where we will be joined by Nick Hewitt, a curator from the National Museum of the Royal Navy, who will talk us through the history and restoration of LCT 7074 – the last surviving landing craft tank from D-Day.

Join us at the regular time of **1800** with a tot in hand.

Join the Fireside Chat here

- **Thursday lunchbreak: Covid-19 and Seafarers – a Humanitarian Crisis?**

This is a free talk on **Thursday from 1200 – 1330,** from the Centre of Governance & Human Rights (CGHR) which promises to be incredibly informative and thought-provoking. Covid-pandemic restrictions have confronted the seafarers community with various challenges such as the lack of crew changes and repatriation, in some cases leading to violations of human and labour rights. Four experts have undertaken studies into the on-going situation and will share their findings.

- Dr Momoko Kitada, World Maritime University
- Dr Birgit Pauksztat, Uppsala University
- Dr Sanley Abila, University of the Phillipines Visayas
- Dr Helen Devereux, Solent University

Register for tickets here

- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for over 12 months now, members from the Wrexham Branch have been hosting a Virtual Tot, inviting members worldwide to join in with them over Zoom. It's proven a lifeline and outlet for many of the RNA community, and they don't intend to wrap it up any time soon. To be involved, click on the link below…

Find out more

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…

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