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SEMAPHORE SHORT

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2021



At the going down of the sun...

This weekend, the whole of the Royal Naval Association stood in silence with our nations to remember those who have fallen before us defending their country, across the world. We were humbled to see Remembrance services resembling those we witnessed before the pandemic, which has also taken the lives of so many of our beloved communities. Thank you to every single one of you who attended a local, national or private Remembrance service; may we keep their memories alive always.

Order your RNA Christmas Cards now

This year we have four Christmas Cards for you to choose from, or you can buy a 12 pack with three of each design – a bargain for £8! Head to the new Royal Navy Shop site now to get yours, and pre-order your new RNA casual clothing at the same time. 35% of the profits from everything you buy from our collection in the shop will go directly into the development of our wellbeing programmes. We'll be expanding the range over the coming months.

[Order here](#)



BBC Documentary request – Falklands 40th

Award-winning documentary production company, The Garden, is producing a landmark documentary film for the BBC about the Falklands War. The film will focus on the experiences and first-hand accounts of those who were there. It will also explore how veterans have made sense of those experiences in the 40 years since – and what the war means to them now.

The filmmakers would like to speak to anyone who is willing to chat – whether or

not they want to be part of the film. All conversations will assist with the research and be in confidence. If you would be happy to speak, please get in touch with saskia.rusher@thegarden.tv or adam.hagerty@thegarden.tv

Welcome to our new First Sea Lord

The torch of Naval leadership today changed hands as Admiral Sir Ben Key became the nation's most senior sailor.

Aboard Nelson's flagship Victory, he took over as First Sea Lord from Admiral Sir Tony Radakin, whose 29 months at the helm end as he moves on to become the new Chief of Defence Staff.

He formally handed over command of more than 30,000 men and women, more than 90 warships, nuclear submarines and support vessels, the helicopters and jets of the Fleet Air Arm and the elite Naval infantry of the Royal Marines to the man who has been Chief of Joint Operations and a former Fleet Commander.

[Read the full story here](#)



What's on this week (15th November – 21st November)

- [Monday Night Fireside Chat](#)

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**. Join us at the regular time of **1800** with a tot in hand.

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- Catch up: Watch the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance

If you missed it on Saturday, you can watch the Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance on BBC iPlayer by clicking the link below...

[Watch 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...

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

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