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Good afternoon!


Please see this weeks Semaphore Short below.

I hope you are getting as excited as I am for this week's Platinum Jubilee!

God save our Queen!


Best wishes,

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 30th May 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

On the eve of 70 years...

This week we are celebrating our Patron, Queen Elizabeth the Second's 70th year on the throne. That means a fantastic 2 days off in the week for those whom it applies to and plenty of events going on around the country in order to congratulate Her Majesty. What a historic week it shall be, one for the history books!

Fireside Chat with John Bolt

Tonight's Fireside Chat is being presented by John Bolt on the subject of the American Battle Monuments Commission (US version of CWGC). John is originally from Boston, Massachusetts in the USA. He was commissioned as a US Marine Corps Officer and served for 10 years on active duty.

In 2013 John moved to the UK, here John completed graduate studies, both an MA and a PhD in history at the University of Portsmouth. His time at Portsmouth enabled him many unique opportunities and contacts to further his study and research of the Royal Marines and the subject of tonight's talk is based in part on some of his recent PhD thesis.

John Bolt is the Assistant Superintendent of the Normandy American Cemetery in Normandy, France. John helps look after the well-known American cemetery which overlooks the D-Day landing beach of Omaha where over 9,300 soldiers are buried and a further 1,500 with no known grave are commemorated.

If you watched the latest season of the BBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?', you will briefly caught John as a contributor to the episode with comedian Joe Lycett, who discovered he had a Royal Marine ancestor in the mid-Victorian era.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 30th May)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Portsmouth Dockyard pop up shop

This week, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) have opened the doors to a new 'Charities Hub' in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

Taking up residence in one of the Dockyard's former boathouses, the hub will be open from now (30th May) until the 5th June.

The RNRMC have very kindly given us a stall to showcase the RNA within the Charities Hub and we would love to see Shipmates coming along to support us and getting involved with all that's going on.

A special thank you to Richie Farman who will be volunteering at our stand throughout the Jubilee weekend!

Spread the word about Boathouse No.5!



Christchurch dedication ceremony

On Friday 27th last week the RNA Christchurch Branch had their Standard Dedication Ceremony at the Christchurch Priory.

It was a wonderful occasion and there was a great reception afterwards, with thanks to the Christchurch Sailing Club. The day also had a brilliant turn out (as can be seen from the picture above)!

Congratulations RNA Christchurch!

Tell us your celebrations!

This week as official celebrations happen for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, we know all of you will be having your own shin digs. We'd love for you to get in touch with us and let us know how you intend to celebrate this week, so that we can share the Jubilee buzz with everyone on our socials!



- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for almost 2 years 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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