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Good afternoon

Please see this week's Semaphore Short below. It includes important information about this weeks F40 weekend (we can't wait to see everyone coming) and a change in link for tonight's Fireside Chat!

Best wishes,
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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 13th June 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

F40 week is here...

It's officially the RNA's F40 weekend! We're looking forward to seeing all of you who are coming to our events this weekend. Please see the information below on what to bring and things to double check, as well as information about this week's Fireside Chat which is not taking place via our usual link!

Fireside Chat with Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral Martin Connell

This evenings Fireside Chat is a View from the Bridge delivered by Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral Martin Connell, who will reflect on his first six months in the role.

Since his appointment in January this year, Vice Admiral Martin Connell has had the crucial task of overseeing all 'people matters' in the Royal Navy including recruiting, training, sport, diversity, welfare and support for families - and with just under 35,000 service men and women, this is no mean feat.

The chat, which starts at 1830, is being hosted by the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) and will be accessed through a different link to the usual RNA one - you can join the event [here](#).

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 13th June)...

F40 weekend and RNA AGM

The final, full, and comprehensive programme for the Falklands 40 weekend in Portsmouth has been published in the June edition of the Semaphore Circular, which can be downloaded [here](#).

A few essential Church Notices include:

- Bring some form of official photo ID (driver's licence or passport for example) for use at the security gates; Central Office must also have your date of birth - if you are not sure if it is on the database, email it through to f40bookings@royalnavalassoc.com.
- Trained staff members are on hand to offer assistance if the events of the weekend trigger difficult memories or scenarios - let one of the Central Office team know if you need help.
- Car-parking at Nelson is extremely limited - you will need an RNA dashboard notice in advance for exceptional circumstances (but please try to avoid this requirement at all possible).
- If you are attending the AGM as an observer only, please let us know for security purposes if you have not already done so - this information is needed by security staff at the gates.
- Central Office will check emails until 1600 on Thursday 16th June; after that, for emergencies only, call Malcolm Little on 07906 128754 or Kathryn Brindley on 07879 236252.
- The weather forecast suggests it will be on the warm side over the weekend - the temperature on Saturday could hit 29C (that's 84F in old money) so make sure you have sunscreen, hats and plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Black Tot Day

31st July 2022 is the 52nd anniversary of Black Tot Day, and the sad occasion will be marked on board HQS Wellington on the Thames near Blackfriars Bridge, with Up Spirits at 1100.

There will be musical entertainment from the RMA Band and Shep Woolley; spaces limited and discounted tickets (at £30) are available until the end of June, when the price goes up to £35, supporting the RNRMC.

Details are in the June Semaphore Circular.

Defence Committee seeks views of Veterans ahead of evidence sharing with MoD Minister & Office for Veteran Affairs

The Defence Committee wants to hear from veterans and their families ahead of the Committee evidence session on the Work of the Office for Veterans Affairs.

The Committee has today launched an online survey to seek the views of veterans and their families to inform the Committee's questions ahead of the evidence hearing on Wednesday 15th June with Leo Docherty, Veterans Minister and Jessie Owen, Director, Office for Veterans Affairs.

You can access the link to the survey [here](#)



- **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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