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GREETINGS SHIPMATES - Mid-August already - soon be Christmas! Well that's a bit of leave out of the way and I'm back in office. We had said that the Short would reappear in September but I am sneaking this one out as a bonus! There will not be a Short on Monday 29th due to the Bank Holiday weekend and Monday 5th due to the Circular being issued. The next Short will be issued Monday 12th September. As usual, If anyone has anything that they would like to include, email me or the team at comms@royalnavalassoc.com. Whilst all contributions will be considered, please note though that this is a short update newsletter and we can't publish everything.

LETTER FROM THE NEW MINISTER FOR VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Johnny Mercer MP, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, has written a letter to all Veterans and their families following his appointment. [Click here to download and read the letter](#)

RNRMC PICKLE NIGHT The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity will be holding a Pickle Night at the China Fleet Club on Friday 4th November. Tickets cost £95.00 each. For those aspiring fancy dressers and rum drinkers, [click here](#) for further details of how to apply for tickets.



FIRESIDE CHATS The fireside chat for this Monday (22nd) will be given by Charles Wylie and will give a fascinating insight into the Korean war. Due to the Bank Holiday, there will be no Fireside Chat on Monday 29th August. The programme will re-commence on 5th September with a talk on famous (and not so famous) naval signals given by Geoff Parsons. Fireside chats, unless promulgated otherwise start at 18:30 each Monday. To access the fireside chats, access zoom [here](#). Meeting ID is 288 830 5105 Password is Shipmate

HAYS TRAVEL OFFER Hays Travel have kindly agreed to offer all RNA members favourable rates on travel money at all of their shops nationwide. Members will just need to show their RNA membership card to enjoy the discounted rates. The exact rates are not known and may fluctuate but will be less than the normal Hays rates.



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FREE FALKLANDS VISIT Veterans and the bereaved from the Falklands War completing a 25 question survey and registering their interest will be entered in a ballot for a trip to the islands through a ballot set up by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). More than 100 places will be allocated for the trip with the chance to bring a partner for a flight to the Falkland Islands to mark the 40th year since the liberation of the islands by the UK armed forces. Priority will be given to veterans who have not yet returned to the Falkland Islands and NoK who have not visited the Falkland Islands.

The trip will include escorted tours and the opportunity to attend memorial services for those who died in action. It takes place across the Remembrance weekend this November with Ministry of Defence funding to allow veterans and loved ones to remember the sacrifices of their fallen comrades. Flights out will be on the 9th November with return on 14th November.

Applications have to be made by the end of August and can be made by [clicking this link](#)

FREE EMPLOYMENT COURSES X-Forces Enterprise provides a suite of training courses and workshops, free of charge, to members of the wider military family, all of which are supported by strategic partners. Training has been developed to give delegates the knowledge, understanding and enterprise skills to be able to decide if they want to pursue self-employment, and what their unique business journey look will like. Beyond this, X-Forces offer a range of Masterclasses on specific business topics to help both new and established business owners within the community realise their entrepreneurial ambitions.

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AND FINALLY.....



**The best friendships are built on
a solid foundation of alcohol,
sarcasm, laughter and a dislike
of the same people**



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