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# SEMAPHORE SHORT

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**GREETINGS SHIPMATES** - Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. I hope that those that managed to get to the various remembrance events around the country enjoyed meeting up with shipmates and oppos for a period of reflection and camaraderie. The picture above shows the President and General Secretary with the RNA platoon at Horseguards prior to the move onto Whitehall yesterday. It was a wonderful experience to once again attend the Festival of Remembrance and be part of the march past the Cenotaph.

For those that have submitted the many pictures from your own branches and

regions, thank you. If we are able, we will publish some but please do not be offended if we don't use yours due to space.

As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email me or the team at [comms@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:comms@royalnavalassoc.com). Whilst all contributions will be considered, please note that this is a short update newsletter and we can't publish everything. Some content may be passed to Andy for inclusion in the next Circular.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** The chat for this evening will be given by Rosemary Thornber who is the National Museum for the Royal Navy project manager for the restoration work on HMS Victory. The picture below shows Victory under her new 'tent'. Picture credit CPO 'Warren' Oates, OOD HMS Victory.

Next week's chat (Mon 21st November) is subject to confirmation but is scheduled to be a talk entitled 'Making a submarine Captain' given by Craig Fulton.

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



**ONS VETERANS SURVEY** A couple of Shorts ago, I gave a heads-up on a forthcoming national veterans survey run by the Office for National Statistics on behalf of the governmental Office for Veterans Affairs. Now that the results of last year's census have been published, the number and geographic location of veterans is understood for the first time ever. The ONS survey will bolster that

information so that targeted and relevant help can be better directed in the future. It is important that all veterans complete the survey where possible and you can do so [here](#)

**LGBT VETERANS INDEPENDANT REVIEW** The government has commissioned an independant review into the treatment of the LGBT community prior to the 2000 ban on homosexuality in the Armed Forces and the personal and wider implications of that policy. Those affected, both individuals and families and friends, are encouraged to take part in the survey which can be found [here](#)

**X-FORCES FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR BUSINESS START UPS** Relatively short notice, but X-Forces are running a two day business start up course in conjunction with Greenwich Hospital. The course runs on 16/17 November and is free - more information and sign up information can be found [here](#)

**SHIP ANSON DISCOUNT FOR RNA MEMBERS** For those that live in, or are visiting Portsmouth, the landlord of the Ship Anson public house on the hard has kindly agreed to give a 10% discount off drinks and food to RNA members on production of their membership card.

**ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD BOYCE KG GCB OBE DL** It is with great sadness that the RNA learned of the passing of Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Michael Boyce last week. Universally respected and universally liked, Lord Boyce was a previous Chief of the Defence Staff and until his death, one of only three living Admirals of the Fleet (the other two being HRH The King and Sir Ben Bathurst). Our collective condolences go to his family and friends. His obituary can be found [here](#)



AND FINALLY..... Those that know, know.....



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