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# SEMAPHORE SHORT



**GREETINGS SHIPMATES** - Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. Well, I may have told a little porky last week about that one being the last - Out of the kindness of my heart and a firm believer in SLIB (Second Leave Is Best), I couldn't leave you all without one final Short this

year. Due to the holidays, there will be no Circular in January so the next communication will be the Short on Monday, January 9th. To all of my readers, have a great Christmas and New Year and see you all in 2023! Cheers - John. 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 Mike for inclusion in the next Circular.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** No Fireside chat tonight so you'll have to chat to your other half or oppo! Fireside chats will resume on Monday 9th January 2023 with a talk by Rear Admiral Steve Moorhouse who is the Director Force Generation for the Royal Navy.

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



**BZ TO OUR SERVING SHIPMATES** We are all aware that many of our serving Royal Navy personnel are deployed and away from family at this time of year and of course send them our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year wherever they are. At this particular time, over 1200 military personnel will have just been told their Christmas leave is cancelled because they have to

provide cover as Ambulance drivers or on Border Control duties. This is not the place to politicise these strikes but it is the place to recognise the Armed Forces of this country and the fact that they get on with whatever they are tasked to do in a professional and non-judgemental way. So as well as our deployed people, raise a glass for all of our Armed Forces and veterans for what they do and have done to keep this country protected and running - BZ.

**AFGHANISTAN - INDEPENDANT ENQUIRY** The Rt Hon Johnny Mercer MP, Minister for Veteran's Affairs, has announced that there will be a judicial review and investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by British Forces in Afghanistan, mainly centred on the illegal holding and treatment of prisoners. Mr Mercer has released a letter detailing the investigation together with links to agencies that may provide support to those affected. The letter can be accessed at the Government web site [here](#)

**HMS MONTROSE FOUR YEAR DEPLOYMENT ENDS** Around 800 family members and friends – many holding banners (see picture below) – lined the jetty at Devonport Naval Base to welcome home the ship, which hasn't been in the UK since October 2018. Since leaving home, HMS Montrose has spent the bulk of her time deployed in the Gulf region; more than three-and-a-half years conducting patrols to safeguard merchant shipping, tackle criminal and terrorist activity, including arms and drugs smuggling, and working with allies as part of the international security effort. Full story [here](#)





AND FINALLY..... (if you don't know, watch the film Sixth Sense!)



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