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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. Out of the kindness of my heart, I thought I'd start the New Year off with a sneaky additional Short to bring in 2023 and to give you all a little something to keep you occupied before you venture out on your run as part of your lose weight and get fit plan! As briefed in the last short, there will be no Circular this month. Shorts will continue with the next due Monday 9th January.

As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts,

email me or the team at 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 due to the bank Holiday. Fireside chats will resume next week (Monday 9th January) 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



KING'S NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST 2023 The first New Year's honours list under HM King Charles includes a number of Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel. The military list includes Chief Petty Officer Janine Potts who is awarded an MBE for her work improving the experience of overseas and commonwealth personnel in the Royal Navy and Captain (now Commodore) Don Crosbie who is awarded an OBE for his work pushing the boundaries of UK-US minehunting operations in the Gulf. Both are pictured above. Jonathan Ball, the Chief Executive of the Royal Marines Association - the Royal Marines Charity, has been awarded a well deserved OBE in the civil division. BZ to all naval personnel, serving and retired that were on the list. Details of the military division list can be found [here](#).

OP FORTITUDE More than £8.5 million of funding has been announced in order to ensure no veteran should sleep rough and veteran homelessness is ended in 2023. The funding will deliver services in more than 900 housing units in England, where specialist help for veterans, including with health, education and employment needs are provided. The new money will also allow for the establishment of a new referral scheme – Op Fortitude, that will enable veterans at risk of homelessness to access supported housing and wrap-around specialist care in health, housing and education. Working with charities, the funding will ensure a single central point for local authorities and charities to identify those in need and refer them to a network of support. More detail [here](#)

VETERAN'S SURVEY The survey has been promulgated on here a couple of times and will run for another six weeks. This is a great opportunity for veterans to influence the future. For full details and to complete the survey, see [here](#).

ARMED FORCES HEALTH BRIEF The latest NHS Armed Forces Health briefing can be found [here](#)

RN PERSONNEL MAN THE BORDER Royal Navy personnel have been on duty at a variety of locations in support of the Border Force and ambulance strikes. It is with great pride that the efficiency and management of border force check points at UK airports and ports appears to run more smoothly under military control. Passengers have said that the Army and Navy, plus eGates, have made this Christmas the least stressful for air travel in years. British Airways has stopped telling pilots to carry extra fuel because possible delays have evaporated. Border Force bosses have declared that passport control is 'running very smoothly' at all six airports where 1,000 people have walked out. BZ to all the military personnel that have been unexpectedly on duty over the Christmas period. The picture below shows Ben Wallace (Secretary of State for Defence) with naval personnel at a check point at Manchester airport.



AND FINALLY..... Something a little topical given the story above!



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