



GREETINGS SHIPMATES Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email me or the team [here](#). 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 used for inclusion in the next Circular.

RNA LOTTERY – Win up to £25,000 and support the RNA at the same time. More details available via this [link](#). If you know of a Shipmate that may be interested and wants to enter, but has no internet access, you can download and print a form for them [here](#).

FIRESIDE CHATS Tonight's Fireside Chat will be given by Cdr Brian Boxall-Hunt OBE RN(Rtd) who is the CEO of the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society which provides housing, residential and nursing care to former seafarers, including RN personnel. Next



The Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society

week's chat will be given by Dr Jann Witt who will be talking about the German strategy in WWII for defeating the Royal Navy. Jann is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Society for Shipping and Navy History and served his national service for a short while in the German navy, serving later in the military reserves (attaining the rank of Frigate Captain). Fireside chats take place every Monday at 18:30 and to access the chats, log into zoom [here](#). The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

HMS GLAMORGAN FALKLANDS CREW REMEMBERED 41 years to the day that HMS Glamorgan returned home to Portsmouth, a plaque was unveiled in the Royal Naval Association's Memorial Garden to remember the 14 members of her ship's company lost during the Falklands Conflict. The dedication was attended by many members of the ship's company and their family and wreaths were laid by Admiral Sir Ian Andrew Forbes, KCB, CBE, who was Operations Officer on Glamorgan and Vice Admiral John McAnally, CB, LVO on behalf of the Royal Naval Association. Remembrance Crosses were laid in memory of the 14 who lost their lives with one in memory of those who have died since



the conflict. Commander Alan Watt, Chairman of the HMS Glamorgan Falklands Association said: "We have three major memorials; a memorial window in Portsmouth Cathedral, a bench at the National Memorial Arboretum and a memorial near Stanley, close to the spot the Exocet which hit

us was fired. We felt that there was still one link missing in the chain and Portsmouth Dockyard was our home port. To have the opportunity to have something in the naval base in the Royal Naval Association's memorial garden, which already includes benches for two of the ships lost; HMS Coventry and HMS Sheffield, seemed extremely fitting."

BEWARE SCAMMERS It has come to our attention that some of our members in the Leeds area have received phone calls from people claiming to be fellow Shipmates and then asking for money. Neither of the people making the calls are RNA members. We unfortunately live in a world where unscrupulous people continually try and fraudulently get us to part with our money. The old phrase 'If it seems too good to be true.....' remains as apt as ever. Please be careful and question every call or email you get asking for money. If you get calls from people claiming to be RNA members, please contact Central Office.

BIENNIAL PARADE – LONDON The Naval Associations' Biennial Parade, facilitated by the RNA, will take place at the Cenotaph on Sunday, 10th September. The parade is an important opportunity for the naval community to join together in celebration and commemoration. Shipmates will be marching alongside serving sailors from the Portsmouth area and the Second Sea Lord will be taking the salute. More information including timings, muster point and how to apply can be found on our web site [here](#).



TOP TEN VETERANS' ISSUES SURVEY The Office for Veterans Affairs has sponsored Southampton University and the National Institute for Health and Care Research to streamline the research in the sector. They want to produce a "top ten" list of issues that, if answered by research, would help improve the lives of veterans and their families and carers. If you would like to have a say about what these top ten issues should be, they would appreciate your input via a further survey [here](#). The survey closes on 28th August 2023. For more information about the overall project, visit [here](#).

AND FINALLY.....

Smudge, Bagsy and Pincher claim their snorkers reward from the White Mafia for modelling the latest naval rig catalogue



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