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Dear Shipmate Secretary,

1. August is traditionally a Circular free month in The Royal Naval Association, however we have had so many requests to advertise or highlight forthcoming events that we have had to break with tradition. No rest for the wicked!

Post Conference Correspondence with Her Majesty The Queen

2. The National President wrote to Our Patron, HM The Queen to inform her of the important decisions made at Conference and said:

The Right Honourable Sir Robin Janvrin KCVO CB
Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen 19th July 2007

(Dear Sir Robin)

I thought that Her Majesty The Queen would, as Patron of The Royal Naval Association, be interested to learn of two of the Motions passed at our recent Conference in Torquay. With the membership declining at about 7% per annum, National Council felt that remedial action was essential if the Association is to survive. Some eleven Conference Motions were listed and generated a lively and businesslike debate. Action is now firmly in hand to take the approved Motions forward, which include the following aimed at the development of closer links with the Officers and Men of The Royal Navy

Motion of Urgency: That National Council negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Navy, setting out the principles and obligations of the relationship between them, including the offer of free membership of the Association to such classes of serving members of our Naval Forces as are deemed appropriate.

Branch Motion: That

- a. the decision of the National Council to investigate the relocation of Headquarters to a more suitable area be endorsed,
- b. any relocation of Headquarters be carried out on a cost neutral basis,
- c. Portsmouth is the most suitable location for Headquarters, and
- d. the National Council proceed with the relocation of Headquarters to the most suitable location as soon as practicable.

The Officials, National Council and Members of The Royal Naval Association present their Humble Duty and Loyalty to Her Majesty and express continuing pride in Her Majesty's Naval Forces.

J H S McAnally CB LVO
Vice Admiral

The following reply was received dated 24th July:

(Dear Admiral McAnally),

Thank you for your letter of 19th July 2007 to Sir Robin Janvrin. I have laid your

letter before The Queen who was very interested to read of the new developments within The Royal Naval Association. Her Majesty, as Patron, much appreciates your courtesy in keeping her informed in this way and sends her best wishes to you and all your members.

(Yours sincerely

Edward Young),

Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen

The Royal Naval Association Website

3. The Royal Naval Association website has now been uploaded to <http://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/>. The Association has a new webmaster (S/M Chris Hore - chris@delabole.com) who has taken over from S/M Stuart Thorn who gave long and valuable service in this specialist area, and to whom National Council send their sincere thanks.

Royal Marines Band Service – Bids for Engagements

4. All bids for Royal Marines Bands Engagements for the period April 2008 to March 2009 must reach HQRN by 1 October 2007. Those Branches seeking a Royal Marine Band should request an application form from RNA HQ which should be returned to HQ not later than Friday 21st September. Priority will be given to Branches holding Standard Dedications.

Royal Naval Association Welfare Seminar

5. A Royal Naval Association Welfare Seminar is planned for Saturday 6th October 2007 commencing at 1030 and finishing by about 1600. The venue will be HMS NELSON in Portsmouth. The seminar aims to update those doing welfare work within the Association and there will be presentations from Naval Social Workers and SSAFA on relevant topics. There will also be an opportunity to discuss current RNA Welfare issues with The Association Welfare Adviser and the General Secretary. The seminar is primarily aimed at Area Welfare Officers however Branch Welfare Officers may also attend if they so wish. Accommodation and meals can be provided in the Senior Ratings' Mess, HMS NELSON by arrangement. Those interested should complete the application form attached to this Circular and return it to RNA HQ by 6th September 2007.

Information Technology (Computers) and The Royal Naval Association

6. Much of our communication within the Association is carried out by "snail mail" but this is becoming increasingly expensive as postage prices increase and is slow, cumbersome and labour intensive. Electronic communication within the Association is increasing although there is undoubtedly much more that could be done. Clearly, many branches have purchased computer equipment to help officials to carry out their duties, while in some branches officials use their personally owned computer equipment. The Royal Naval Association needs to develop an Information Technology Strategy to assist its members but it is difficult to know where to start because we are unsighted as to what is currently being used in the Branches. The National Council and Headquarters Staff would be exceedingly grateful if Branch Secretaries would take a few moments to complete the Questionnaire attached to this Circular and return it to HQ. We need to get a view of the size of the problem.

Gift Aid

7. Following the change from covenanting to Gift Aid, we have somehow lost momentum. The number of Gift Aid forms, from a membership of 27,680 stands at a modest 3,500. May we remind you that this is free money, which has helped us to maintain our annual subscription at £10.00. A blank Gift Aid form is included with this Newsletter. Once completed, a Gift Aid Declaration lasts until it is rescinded. Thank you.

Service Pensioners Living Overseas

8. The following useful information has been received from a Shipmate residing overseas:

"Those naval pensioners living abroad, and having their monthly pensions paid directly abroad, may not be aware that they are paying considerably for the privilege. First there is a standing monthly charge of £2.60. Then there is a hidden rate of exchange charge, made by Citibank, the Irish bank which is used by Xafinity Paymaster - the Government agency responsible for paying your pension. Citibank charge around 1.5%, taken from the commercial rate of exchange, before they transmit the pension. This is straight profit for Citibank.

The alternative is to have your pension paid in UK, and to make your own arrangements with a private Internet commercial agency, such as HIFR - who do NOT charge anything like as much. I cannot understand how Paymaster can't do the same, which would be a great saving for those older pensioners, who are not perhaps up to using the Internet".

RNA Biennial Parade - Sunday 9th September 2007-07-10

9. The Royal Naval Association will be holding its Biennial Parade in Whitehall on Sunday 9th September 2007. The Chaplain of the Fleet and RNA Honorary Chaplain, The Venerable John Green QHC has agreed to officiate at the Service of Remembrance. We hope to have a serving Senior Officer present to take the Salute, accompanied by our National President and he will also say a few words at the conclusion of the parade. The Parade will muster at 1030 in Whitehall Place, and will also return there under the guidance and direction of the RNA National Ceremonial Adviser, S/M Alan Robinson.

It is of crucial importance to the RNA reputation and public profile that the members continue to present themselves as a smart and well turned out body of people. Accordingly members should read The Guide to Ceremonial paragraphs 105 and 105A. Marchers should conform to the Association's rig of black or navy blue blazers with Association Badge, grey trousers, white shirt and Association tie. The correct head dress with this rig is a Service type beret. An alternative rig is a dark lounge suit with a white shirt and Association tie. A bowler hat may be worn with this rig but not with the blazer rig. Parade Marshals may request any member whose dress, bearing or conduct is likely to bring discredit on the Association to leave the parade.

Coaches Branches travelling to the event by coach will need to display a placard marked RNA-2007 (available from RNA HQ on request) to be able to drop passengers in Whitehall Place and to park the coach there.

Arrangements have been made with The Civil Service Club in Great Scotland Yard (adjacent to Whitehall Place) for the bar to be open to RNA members in need of refreshment following the parade. The parade will conclude at about 1145.

It is hoped that the RNA will turn out in force for this prestigious and moving event.

Royal Naval Association
Parade and Service of Remembrance
Sunday 9th September 2007

Parade Orders

10:40

Parade will form up in 2 Columns in Whitehall Place

No. 1. Column

Band, National Standard, National Council, Standard Bearers from 1,3,5,7,9,11 and Scottish Areas, followed by marchers from same areas.

No. 2. Column

Deputy National Standard, Standards from Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 followed by marchers from same areas.

11:00

The Royal Naval Association will advance, Parade by the left, quick march.

Parade will advance South past the Cenotaph, right wheel around Cenotaph,

National Standard Bearer will take post.

National Council will wheel and form single line.

Odd Area Standards will wheel right into open order.

Band will continue North past first bollard, counter march halting at bollard, cease playing.

11:10

No. 2. Column. the Royal Naval Association will advance by the left, quick march.
No.2 Column will advance South,

Deputy National Standard Bearer will take post.

Even Area Standards will wheel right into open order.

PC Parade Commander (S/M A Robinson)

PC Wreath Layers, Attention, Take Post (see plan.)

Even Number Areas will position themselves 2 paces from plinth, E side of Cenotaph.

Odd Number Areas will position themselves 2 paces from plinth, W side of Cenotaph.

11.20

PC Parade, Attention.

PC Standard Bearers, Carry Standards.

Official Party arrives.

PC Standard Bearers, Order Standards.

PC Parade will Off Caps, Standfast The Band and Standard Bearers, Parade Off Caps.

PC Parade, Stand at Ease.

Chaplain of the Fleet arrives at Cenotaph with President and Chairman.

11.23 Service commences.

PC Before wreath laying, Parade Attention, Standard Bearers, Carry Standards.

President will lay Association Wreath.

PC Wreath Layers, Lay your Wreaths. 2 paces forward, pause 2.3. Lay Wreath 2.3. Straighten Up 2.3. 2 Paces Back. Remain there until Service is over.

Bugler will sound last post.
2 minutes silence.
Reveille.

PC Standard Bearers, Order Standards.
Parade, Stand at Ease.
Service continues until conclusion of Blessing.

PC Parade, Attention.
Parade, On Caps.
Standard Bearers, Carry Standards.
Band plays National Anthem (1 verse)

PC Standard Bearers, Order Standards.

Chaplain of the Fleet leaves followed by President and National Council. March to

Saluting Base led by National and Deputy National Standards, who will position themselves either side of Saluting Base. The National Chairman will give the necessary orders on approach of parade. The National President will take the Salute.

CC Order their Columns into position.
Stand at Ease, facing North.

Band into position ready for march off.

National and Deputy National Standards to their respective positions. National Council 10 paces to the rear of the National Standard.

PC Parade, Attention.

DM Band, Attention.

PC Standard Bearers, Carry Standards.

PC The Royal Naval Association will march past. Band by the centre, Parade by the Left, Quick March.

After the Salute, wheel right into Whitehall Place halting well down.

Clew up along side No. 1 Column.

After the National President has addressed the Parade, the PC will march off the Standards and dismiss the parade. Shipmates should clear Whitehall Place as quickly as possible to permit the Police to open the road to traffic.

In case of query, contact the Parade Commander
(S/M Alan Robinson) on 0208-7590444.

RM BAND

TRAFFIC ISLAND

Nos 1 AND 2 COLUMNS STANDARDS
3 OR 6 DEEP IN OPEN ORDER
AREA STANDARDS IN FRONT

NATIONAL COUNCIL ONE SINGLE LINE

PC

WREATH CARRIER

PRESIDENT O OO O CHAIRMAN NC

SEA CADETS

COLUMN 3

ODD X
AREA X
WREATH X
LAYERS X
2 PACES X
FROM X
PLINTH X

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X EVEN
X AREA
X WREATH
X LAYERS
X 2 PACES
X FROM
X PLINTH

COLUMN 8

COLUMN 7

XXXX
FCO SEA
DOOR CADETS
XXXX

COLUMN 4

Nos 5 AND 6 COLUMNS
3 OR 6 DEEP IN OPEN ORDER
AREA STANDARDS IN FRONT

Navy News Subscriptions - Special Offer for Royal Naval Association New Subscribers

10. The Navy News is offering a specially reduced subscription to all Royal Naval Association new subscribers. This splendid monthly publication featuring all that is of interest in The Royal Navy and The Royal Naval Association can now be delivered to your door each month at a specially reduced price of £17-50 per year in The United Kingdom or £21-50 Overseas (please phone 02392-734448 for Airmail prices or contact subscriptions@navynews.co.uk). This special offer represents a saving of £3-00 per annum on the normal subscription price. See the offer each month in The Navy News.

Royal Naval Association Christmas Cards

11. Royal Naval Association Christmas Cards do not appear to be as popular as they once were. This may be due to the easy access to computers and the ability of Branches to produce their own individualised cards, however the result is that HQ has a sizeable stock of unsold but undated cards, which are now being offered for sale at special rates. Two types are available:

- A. A view of Christmas from the bows of HMS VICTORY and,
- B. HMS ARK ROYAL at sea.

Both are available at the special price of 10 for £2 (post and packing free). Send your orders to HQ on the attached form (indicating whether you want Card A or B and how many), for a speedy response.

Contacting the RNA Headquarters Book-keeper

12. The Royal Naval Association's Book-keeper (Miss Vicki Egerton) is employed in a part-time capacity and works from home. From time to time, Shipmates have observed that contacting her to resolve queries was a difficult task because of her other commitments. To improve communication, we have installed a combined Telephone/FAX/Answerphone in Miss Egerton's home and believe that this will help overcome the problem. The number of this combined instrument is **01795-530534**.

DVD - Instructional DVD for Standard Bearers

13. The No. 4 Area Ceremonial Team of the Association have produced an excellent Instructional DVD on the Ceremonial associated with Standard Bearing. Copies are available (Price £2.50) from S/M J Paterson, 14 Sunnyside Road, St Judes, Plymouth PL4 9LE (e-mail jim@paterson1513.fsnet.co.uk) (Tel: 01752-261646).

The Royal Naval Association Registered Tartan

14. It may not be well known that The Royal Naval Association has a registered

tartan unique to the Association. Custodian of the tartan and the various pieces of apparel made from it is S/M Fred Cooper, a Life Vice President and DNCM for the Scottish Area. Fred is able to supply the following:

Neck Ties @ £12-50 each (inc postage and packing)

Bow Ties @ £7 (inc postage and packing) (state neck size)

Cummerbunds @ £35 each (2 only in stock)

Waistcoat @ £55 each (1 only left in stock – size: large)

Tartan Material @ £38 per metre (very cheap for medium weight double width)
(postage and packing and insured delivery depends on amount ordered)

To order any of these items, please contact S/M Fred Cooper at :

Muirhead Cottage
Montquhir
Carmyllie
Arbroath
Angus DD11 2QS

Cheques should be made payable to G B Cooper.

Ceremonial Rum Tubs

15. The Selsey Branch are fortunate in having a Member who can make Rum Tubs and a few Branches have expressed an interest in having one also. If there is sufficient support the Selsey Shipmate may be able to undertake this task. Any Branch interested should write to The Hon Secretary, Selsey Branch at: 39 Hillfield Road, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 OLB. Costing details will be calculated once the level of interest is established.

HMS FEARLESS - DVD/CD ROM - The Journey

16. This splendid DVD/CD ROM has been produced by members of HMS FEARLESS'S Ship's company and graphically tells the story of the journey to and from the Falkland's Campaign of 1982. It is well worth watching and listening to, and details can be obtained from www.hmsfearless.com or from keithbroome04@aol.com.

HMS BRIGHTON Association

17. An HMS BRIGHTON Association has been formed recently. Any Shipmate interested in joining this Association should contact Jeff Warr at 79 Wykebeck Avenue, Leeds LS9 OJG or via e-mail at brightonf106@yahoo.co.uk.

The COVENTRY "82" Association

18. An Association is being formed for those who served in either of the two HMS COVENTRY's between 1978 and 2001. This Association will also offer life membership to all the families of those who lost their lives in the ship in 1982. A weekend visit to the city of Coventry is planned for 23rd-25th May 2008. Anyone wishing to join the Association or learning more about it should contact the Chairman, Brian Savage at brian_savage69@hotmail.com or visit the website on www.hmscoventry.co.uk.

HMS DIANA RE-UNIONS

19. Former members of HMS DIANA's Ship Companies meet twice a year to foster comradeship and meet old friends. Are-union is held in March of each year in or around Blackpool while a second is held in Birmingham in September. All ex-DIANAITES are very welcome. Contact The Secretary (J Fisher) on 01530242850 or 07789597890 or via Johnjackie.fisher@virgin.net.

The Royal Naval Auxiliary Service

20. The Royal Naval Mine Watching Service was established in 1952 and renamed The Royal Naval Auxiliary Service (RNXS) in 1962. It was disbanded in 1994. All personnel who served in the organisation for 12 years or more were awarded The Royal Naval Auxiliary Service Medal. A number of ex-RNXS Members intend to create a Medal Roll to commemorate all volunteers who were awarded the medal, however the official record of the recipients have been destroyed.

Mr M P Cocker is anxious to hear from all those who were awarded the medal. For the Commemorative Roll he requires the following information:

Full Name, Unit, Rank/Rate, Date of Award of Medal and (if applicable) the Bar, Date of Enrolment, Details of other Medals held e.g. WWII. Korea, Suez etc.

Mr Cocker can be contacted at 10 Ellerbeck Road, Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 1DH.

EVENTS

21. The year 2007 is an extremely busy year with a great number of events, many of which commemorate the 25th Anniversary of The Falklands Campaign. The events below are listed chronologically and not by perceived importance. It is our intention to keep the list as up to date as possible and we are happy to hear of local initiatives so that we can keep Branches in the picture.

849 Naval Air Squadron

22. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Sea King helicopter operating in the Airborne Early Warning role. It is also the 55th anniversary of 849 becoming an Airborne Early Warning Squadron. To commemorate these milestones, 849 NAS, based at RNAS Culdrose, is holding a re-union for all serving and ex-serving aircrew and air engineering officers who have served in the squadron during the last 55 years. The event will take place over the weekend of 7-9th September 2007 at RNAS Culdrose, culminating in a Black Tie Dinner in the Wardroom. Any ex-serving aircrew or air engineering officers who served in 849 whether with the "Bag", "Gannet" or "Skyraider" who wish to participate should contact Lieutenant James Stone RN, 849 NAS, RNAS Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall TR12 7RH or call on 01326-557525.

Further information may also be obtained from Emma Relton (Public Relations Officer) on 01326-552461 or Ian Mackay (Community Relations Officer) on 01326-552460.

HMS MATCHLESS Association 1942-1946 (includes HM Ships MAHRATTA, MARNE, METEOR, MILNE, MUSKETEER and ORP ORKAN (Formerly HMS MYRIMDON))

23. Shipmates from the 1st and 2nd Commission of the above are welcome to attend the 21st Annual Re-union of the Association which will be held on 15th September 2007 in The Union Jack Club, London. Contact J Horton, 10 Finch Court, Coles Close, Ongar, Essex CM5 OAY (Tel: 01277-366617).

Reading Branch of The Royal Naval Association

24. The Reading Branch of The Royal Naval Association plans to celebrate its 70th Anniversary by holding a parade and rededicating its Standard, on Sunday 16th September 2007 at 1230 at The Dragon Club, Brock Barracks, Oxford Road, Reading. Branches are invited to send Standard Bearers and up to four Shipmates so as to make the day memorable for the Reading Branch and the Association. Branches wishing to participate should provide the following information to The Hon Secretary (S/M Daphne Wyatt) at 16/38 Granville Road, Southcote, Reading RG30 3QA (Tel: 0118-957-5725) :

Branch.....We will be attending

Name of Standard Bearer.....

Numbers from Branch Attending.....

Contact Telephone Number.....

HMS JAMAICA Association

25. The 22nd annual re-union of the HMS JAMAICA Association will take place in Gillingham, Kent from 21st to 23rd September 2007. Anyone who wishes to attend or seek information should contact the Hon Secretary (Bill Dancey) on 01558-685386.

Annual National Service for Seafarers –St Paul’s Cathedral

26. This year’s Service will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 1730. As usual, RNA HQ will co-ordinate applications for seats which should reach us by 3rd September.

Applications should contain a stamped addressed envelope (size to fit order) for the despatch of the tickets, which will be sent out about two weeks before the Service.

The Orkney Branch of The Royal Naval Association - Commissioning

27. The Orkney Branch of The Royal Naval Association commissions on Saturday 6th October 2007. This promises to be quite a special event in view of The Royal Navy's long association with Scapa Flow and it is hoped that Branches will wish to be represented on this historic occasion. The travel involved will complicate logistics and so early booking and arrangements are essential, but the beauty of the location makes the trip worthwhile. Branches wishing to find out more about this event should telephone S/M David Hughes on 01856-873492,

Knowle Branch of The Royal Naval Association - Dedication of Standard

28. The dedication of the Standard of the recently formed Knowle Branch of The Royal Naval Association will take place on Wednesday 10th October 2007. Details of this important event may be obtained from the Hon Secretary (S/M Dennis Hill) on 0121-7437394.

HMS TARTAR Association (RatRat)

29. All past Ship's Company members of the WW2 Tribal Class Destroyer and the Type 81 Tribal Frigate (F133) are welcome to join. The next re-union weekend will be in The Royal Maritime Club (ex-Royal Sailors Home Club) in Portsmouth from 12th to 14th October 2007. Contact The Chairman (Ken Satterthwaite) on 01923-269714 or on chairman@hmstartar for further details. See also the website www.hmstartar.

Margate Branch of The Royal Naval Association - Trafalgar Day Parade and Service of Remembrance - Sunday 21st October 2007

30. The Margate Branch of The Royal Naval Association will hold its Annual Trafalgar Day Parade and Service of Remembrance on Sunday 21st October 2007 assembling at St Paul's Church, Cliftonville from 1015 onwards. The parade will move off at 1040 led by the Band of T/S JAMAICA and proceed to The Trinity Square memorial for the Service and Wreath Laying. After the Service the Parade will march past The Mayor of Margate and local dignitaries before dismissing. Those unable to march will be very welcome to muster at the Memorial by 1040.

Branches willing to participate and/or parade Standards should notify The Honorary Secretary of the Margate Branch (S/M M Cox) at 66 Bromstone Road, Broadstairs CT10 2 HT (Tel: 01843-604490). Post Parade Refreshments will be served in the Mountbatten Lounge of The Royal British Legion Club.

The Armed Forces Memorial

31. 2007 is of course the 25th Anniversary of the Falklands Campaign and the Armed Forces Memorial is due for completion in October of this year. The Armed Forces Memorial Project provides a National Memorial dedicated to the men and women of the United Kingdom Armed Forces (Regular and Reserve) killed on duty or as a result of terrorist action since the Second World War. It will commemorate some 16,000 members of our Armed Forces. Construction began on 24 July 2006 at the National Memorial Arboretum and a ceremony to mark the cutting of the first turf was held on 4 August. The main contractor on site is Geoffrey Osborne Limited and construction of the 6 metre high mound on which the Memorial will stand is on schedule. The Trustees need to raise £7million to complete the whole Project which includes the Memorial in Staffordshire, Rolls of Honour for the Royal Navy and the Army similar to those which already exist for the RAF, recording the names of those who have died in Service, and a Memorial in Westminster Abbey, without names, to those killed in conflict. £5 Million has been raised so far including a grant from the Treasury of £1.5 Million from the sale of the Trafalgar coin and a pledge of £2million from the Millennium Commission. Further

information about how to support the appeal can be found at:

www.forcesmemorial.org.uk.

HMS DAUNTLESS Association - WRNS 90th Anniversary Weekend - 2-5 November 2007 in Blackpool

32. The HMS DAUNTLESS Association is organising a fun filled weekend in Pontins, Blackpool between 2nd to 5th November 2007 to mark the 90th Anniversary of the formation of The Women's Royal Naval Service. Details may be obtained from wrens90@ntlworld.com or send a SAE to 1 The Rocks, Tansley, Matlock, Derby DE4 5ES.

Field of Remembrance – Opening Thursday 8th November 2007

33. The 2007 Field of Remembrance will, by kind permission of The Dean and Chapter of Westminster, open at 1120 on Thursday 8th November when a short Service will be held. The Royal Naval Association, together with other organisations, is invited to attend and those attending should be in position by 1100. A senior member of the Royal Family has kindly agreed to attend and inspect the plots. We have been allocated Plot 227. The system whereby Branches order their crosses direct from The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory works well so we have included the order form with this circular. Please note that Badge Crosses must be ordered by the end of September.

Remembrance Sunday - 11 November 2007

34. Headquarters will have a limited number of tickets for the Cenotaph Parade and Service on Sunday 11th November 2007. Shipmates are reminded of the physical demands of standing in Whitehall for at least one hour and then marching for a distance of at least one and a half miles, possibly in inclement weather. Any Shipmate planning to attend who requires a carer should also apply for a ticket for the carer (one carer per participant). Please apply to HQ 28th September at the latest enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be available for dispatch in early October. We ask Shipmates who receive tickets from the RNA to march in the RNA Platoon.

The Destroyer Memorial 1939-1945 - Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony

35. The Royal Navy's last operational Second World War Destroyer, HMS CAVALIER, is now preserved at The Historic Dockyard Chatham. Under restoration since 1999, she is a memorial to the men of The Royal Navy who lost their lives in such ships during that conflict. Mid-morning on 14th November 2007, a specially commissioned monument will be unveiled alongside HMS CAVALIER to commemorate the 142 Royal Naval Destroyers sunk during the Second World War and over 11,000 men who lost their lives as a result. This unique memorial, created by the eminent British Sculptor Kenneth Potts, will mark the very special contribution made by these ships and the men who served in them.

The Trustees of the HMS CAVALIER (Chatham) Trust, who commissioned the memorial, and the trustees of the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, invite all those who wish to attend this ceremony to apply for tickets. There will be no charge for attendance. Priority will be given to those who served in Second World War destroyers, particularly anyone who survived their ship being sunk, and family members of those who lost their lives. Some seating will be available. Applications, in writing, to be received by 30th September, should be sent to:

Destroyer Memorial Unveiling and Dedication
c/o Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, The Old Surgery
The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TZ

Giving details of:

- Any particular link with Second World War Destroyer(s) in which the applicant or a family member served.
- Any relationship to someone lost in Destroyers during the Second World War.
- The number of places required and if any of these are wheelchair users.
- Any other mobility issues.
- Contact details, including a daytime telephone number.

Alternatively, a registration form is available from their website, www.thedockyard.co.uk. Those who register, either by post or through the website, will receive tickets and other information by the end of October. At this stage, it is intended that only Destroyer Association Standards will be paraded at the ceremony.

BBC Television Programme on The Armed Forces Memorial

36. The BBC will be airing an hour-long documentary in November, charting the construction process and exploring some of the personal stories of the individuals it remembers. If you would like to share the story of a friend or loved one killed in the line of duty in the last 60 years, the producers would like to hear from you. Send an account of their story in a short letter, including a telephone number you can be contacted on, to *In Living Memory*, Reef Television, 8 Upper St Martin's Lane, London WC2H, or e-mail inlivingmemory@reeftv.com.

HMS COSSACK Association

37. All past Ship's Company members of the famous WW2 Destroyer (L03) and the C Class Destroyer (D57) are welcome to join. The next re-union weekend will be in The Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing from 11th-13th April 2008. Famil members of those who served on either of the ships are welcome as Associate Members. Contact the Membership Secretary (Doug Parkinson) on 01420-83521 or on dougirene@onetel.com. See also the website www.hmscossackassociation. The 70th anniversary of the "Altmark Incident" falls in 2010 and plans are already underway to mark the event.

38. **Branch and Miscellaneous Announcements**

Changes to; Diary & Year Book.

Area 4

Exeter – Secretary's new address is; S/M C Walters (as before)
"Jorrocks"
High Street
Queen Camel
Somerset BA22 7NF

Area 7

South Gloucestershire - Act. Sec, is; S/M(Mrs) M Singleton
18 Maisemore
Yate
Sth. Gloucestershire BS37 8UR
Tel. 01454-317 177

Area 8

Bloxwich – Acting Branch Sec. is; S/M G Witton
15 Caste Drive
Willenhall WV12 4QY
Tel. 01902-635 239
New Venue; Colebatch's Club
699 Booxwich Road, Leamore

Stafford - Secretary's details are; S/M N Clutton
32 Bertelin Road
Stafford ST16 3JJ
Tel. 01785-240 569
Now meet on; 2nd Tuesday

Area 10

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STOP PRESS - The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust - Improved Website

39. The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust Website has undergone substantial improvement and contains much of interest, especially to Welfare Officers. Visit the site at www.rnbt.org.uk.

History Notes

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- 1st Sep 1958 First fishery dispute began with Iceland over her unilateral extensions of fishing zone by 12 miles. HMS EASTBOURNE the first ship involved. This became the first of three Cod Wars.
- 2nd Sep 1945 Japanese delegates signed surrender on USS MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser (Fraser of North Cape) , present onboard HMS DUKE OF YORK signed for the United Kingdom.
- 4th Sep 1995 RNDQs at Portsmouth closed. All scrotes now go to MCTC Colchester.
- 5th Sep 1979 Funeral of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma in Westminster Abbey.
- 9th Sep 1943 Salerno Landings.
- 10th Sep 1971 HMS ARIADNE, last of 23 Leander Class Frigates, launched at Yarrow, Scotstoun.
- 15th Sep 1931 Pay cuts announced which led to mutiny in some ships of the Atlantic Fleet at Invergordon.
- 17th Sep 1966 HMCS OKANAGAN, fifty-eighth submarine and last warship to be launched at Chatham.
- 20th Sep 1976 HMS FITTLETON sunk in collision with HMS MERMAID - 12 lives lost.
- 22nd Sep 1989 Ten members of the RM Staff Band and a Civilian killed by a terrorist bomb at RM School of Music, Deal.
- 26th Sep 1958 First Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) (Rear Admiral W G Crawford) appointed.
- 28th Sep 2002 Captain Peter Sambourne died. First Commanding Officer of HMS DREADNOUGHT (UK's first nuclear submarine) - his First Lieutenant was John Fieldhouse. His son commanded HMS SWIFTSURE 1987-9.
- 30TH Sep 1998 HMS DOLPHIN (Fort Blockhouse) which commissioned in 1905, paid off.

James McClurg
General Secretary
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WELFARE SEMINAR
SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2007
HMS NELSON

I wish to attend the Welfare Seminar in HMS NELSON on Saturday 6th October 2007.

Name.....

Area/Branch.....

Home Address.....

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POST CODE.....

Telephone No.....

e-mail.....

Duties in Area/Branch.....

I REQUIRE/DO NOT REQUIRE Accommodation in HMS NELSON for the
night of Friday 5th October 2007.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO RNA HQ, 82 CHELSEA MANOR STREET,
LONDON SW3 5QJ BY 6th SEPTEMBER 2007

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION IT CENSUS

Name of Branch.....

Do you currently have access to a computer that is available for RNA use?

YES/NO

If **NO**

- a. Do you have a space where a PC and printer could be located near an existing phone line?
- b. If you have your own computer, would you be prepared to use it for RNA business?

If **YES**

- a How old is your PC?
- b. Does it have internet access?
- c. If so is it dial up, broadband or other? (please state)
- d. Who is the Internet Service Provider? (please state)
- e. How long have you had the connection?
- f. How much is it costing per month?
- g. What Operating System is your computer running?
Win 98, Win 2000, XP, XP Pro, Vista or other (please state)
- h. Do you have a printer?
- i. If so, what is the make & model and are you happy with it?
- j. If not please state why.
- k Are you or an associate happy dealing with routine PC housekeeping tasks (folder & mailbox management, updating anti-virus, taking back ups etc)?
- l. Have you started to accrue email addresses of your branch members (where appropriate)?
- m. If the RNA was to provide support for your Association linked IT activities, what would be the approximate monthly costs?.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Title Forename(s) Surname

Address (Area no; -----)

.....

..... Post Code

I want the charity to treat all donations I have made from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donations

Signature:-

Date:-

Notes

1. If your declaration covers donations you may make in the future:
 - Please notify the charity if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
 - You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity - it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).
3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Or you can ask you local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER FORM

Name.....

Address.....

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Please send me :

.....Packs of Card A (Christmas from VICTORY)

.....Packs of Card B (HMS ARK ROYAL)

at £2-00 per pack. I enclose a cheque to the value of

OR

Please charge my Credit Card. The details are:

Type: Visa, Mastercard etc

Account No.....

Start Date.....Expiry Date.....

Security Code (if applicable).....

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE 2007

20 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6UR

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY FACTORY LTD**

Tel: 020 8939
Fax: 020 8332 1205

PAYMENT WITH ORDER and cheques to be made payable to:

E-mail: admin@poppyfactory.org

Field of Remembrance items are produced at The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory, which employs ex-service personnel (particularly disabled) their widows and disabled dependants. The production costs of Field of Remembrance items are shown below. We hope that you will consider giving a donation of at least the stated amount for each item. All proceeds from the Field of Remembrance are passed to the Poppy Appeal and put towards the Legion's work among the ex-service community.

Order No. FORO Date:.....

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION BRANCH:

Plot No: 227

Please enter contact details relating to this order below.Tel

Please enter details of the badge crosses that you	Production Cost	Donation Enclosed		
Badge Crosses	£ 7.60	Total		
Field Crosses	£ 7.80	Each		
Poppy Crosses	£ 6.20	Each		
Leaf Crosses	£ 4.60	Each		
Remembrance Crosses	£ 0.75	Each		
Star Of David	£ 0.75	Each		
Crescent Moon	£ 0.75	Each		
Post / Packing	£ 4.90	Total		

Instructions. Please tick the options you require:

- I would like a receipt to be sent (**please enclose an SAE for this purpose**)
- Crosses to be collected from the Organisers at the Field of Remembrance on atam/pm
- Crosses to be planted on our behalf by the Organisers.
- Order to be despatched by post.

Please Note: For items despatched by post there is a charge of £4.90 per consignment.

Office use only: Items despatched onVia.....

RNAS Culdrose has commissioned a 60th anniversary painting depicting many of the aircraft that have served there since 1947.

High quality, full colour laser prints (approx size 57cm x 40cm) of the painting are now offered for sale for £10 each

These would make an ideal gift for anyone with an interest or affiliation with the Fleet Air Arm or RNAS Culdrose

*Prints are available from Glyn Timmins, the Central Amenities Fund Treasurer, on:
01326 552283
e-mail : aocash@culdrose.mod.uk*

Make cheques payable to “Central Fund RNAS Culdrose”

Postal sales welcome just add £2.50 postage and packing