



# ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Registered charity No. 266982

### Yes, I would like to support the Royal Naval Association by leaving a legacy

The Royal Naval Association provides support to its own members and branches, Naval Service personnel, their dependants and other charities or organisations with naval connections – maintaining all that is great about the Naval Service: unity, loyalty, patriotism and comradeship. Your help means we can offer more. Please use this guide when writing a legacy. Thank you for your support.

### LEAVING A LEGACY

The only way we can ensure our wishes are met when we die is by making a Will. By remembering the Royal Naval Association in your Will, you can ensure we are able to continue helping those who require our support.

Your legacy or bequest will also mean that you can take advantage of the tax privileges that are available to encourage such support. Legacies or bequests can reduce or even eliminate the tax payable on the balance of any estate and are themselves totally exempt from inheritance tax.

### HOW DO I MAKE A WILL?

A Will can be made by yourself, however we would advise (especially if your wishes are not straight-forward) to consult a solicitor or to use the Will service from the Post Office to ensure your Will is legally valid.

### LEGACY OR BEQUEST?

A legacy is a specific sum of money left in your Will. A bequest refers to property and possessions i.e. a specific property or the residue/share of your estate.

### DOES THE RNA NEED TO KNOW MY INTENTIONS?

The RNA understands that the business of making a Will is a very sensitive matter and it is voluntary for you to disclose details of your intentions to us. It does however help us to plan ahead and we would therefore be most grateful if you were to advise us of what you have arranged.

### WORDING FOR A LEGACY

If you choose to make your own Will, the following wording would be appropriate to leave a legacy:

*I hereby bequeath to the Trustees of the Royal Naval Association, Registered charity No. 266982, RNA Headquarters, Room 209, Semaphore Tower, PP70, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth PO1 3LT, the sum of £....free from all taxes and other fiscal impositions for its general purposes and the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be good discharge for my executors.*

If you are amending an existing Will all you need is a simple codicil:

*By this codicil to my last Will I give to the Trustees of the Royal Naval Association the sum of £....*

If you wish to leave the residue of your estate to the Royal Naval Association you could use the following wording:

*I hereby bequeath all my estate, both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever subject to and after the payment of my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacies hereby, or by any codicil hereto given and all tax payable in respect of my estate to the Trustees of the Royal Naval Association.*

### THANK YOU

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