



**GREETINGS SHIPMATES** Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. You will notice that the format and look of the Short has undergone some change and I hope you like the new look. This probably won't be the final version and we are still looking at ways to get the Short to format into the email itself but that may take a little time. If you have any comments on the new look, please let us know. 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 passed to Mike for inclusion in the next Circular.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** Due to the Bank Holiday, there will be no Fireside Chat this evening so the next will be on Monday 17th April. This will be an update from Commander Bryan McCavour from the RN Battle Staff. 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.

**A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** In January 2022, Rear Admiral Jude Terry made history when she was the first female in the Royal Navy to be promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral. She then took the helm as Director of People and Training and Naval Secretary. This makes her responsible not only for more than 40,000 regular and reservist sailors and Royal Marines but also the Royal Fleet Auxiliary – who operate the Navy's crucial support ships – plus civil servants and contractors, all part of the gigantic jigsaw which allows the Royal Navy to operate around the globe 24/7/365. The RNRMC is delighted to invite you to join the Admiral for an evening of candid conversation as she discusses topics such as leading on people strategy, training, and the opportunities and challenges for the RN, with people being a key priority. The session will be conducted over Zoom on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 18:00 and you can obtain the Zoom link by contacting the RNRMC [here](#). (Picture UK MOD © Crown copyright 2021)



**VETERAN'S ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE** The veteran's centre is a part of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, Shropshire and is supported by Headley Court. The £6 million two-storey building features nine standard examination and clinic rooms, an enhanced treatment room for minor outpatient procedures, an assessment room, a splinting and therapy room, as well as clinic space for virtual appointments. In the main entrance of the building, there is a café and dedicated Veterans' Hub where Shropshire Council and various military charities will provide support to veteran patients and their family and friends, with issues that range from homelessness, finance, debt management, welfare, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), benefits and more. The centre has published its first newsletter which can be accessed [here](#).

**NUCLEAR TEST MEDAL** A few Shorts back, we published the good news that the service of those that had been involved in the UK's nuclear test programme was going to be recognised by a dedicated medal. Whilst the final design is yet to be announced, those eligible for the new medal are now invited to apply, with the intention of distributing the first medals this summer. Full eligibility criteria and a link to the MoD Medal Form can be found [here](#).

**CORONATION OPPORTUNITY** The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has offered a limited number of free spaces to veterans to witness the royal procession during the coronation of King Charles on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The seating area is adjacent to the Queen Victoria Statue at the front of Buckingham Palace. Lucky recipients will be need to be seated by 08:30 and the event is due to end at 14:30. The seating is not covered so will be open to rain and the sun and there will be no screens to witness the coronation itself. If you would like to apply for a double ticket, you can do so [here](#). Please note that this is a DCMS initiative and nothing to do with the RNA or RBL so we cannot answer questions or be responsible for ticket allocations.



**RNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE** For those attending the RNA AGM and other events in Liverpool in May, events at the Adelphi Hotel have been finalised and can be found in the downloads section of the RNA website members area [here](#). Shipmate Fred Pilgrim has asked us to send a reminder that those booked for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday night pass any dietary requirements and requests for seating to Fred by email [here](#).

**KOREA 70** This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of military operations in Korea. The Royal British Legion will be marking this important milestone in an often-forgotten conflict with a special service of remembrance at Horse Guards Parade on Thursday 27 July from 11am. The event will focus on telling the story of the Korean War through the testimony and memories of the conflict from those who were there, as well as looking to inform and engage the wider audience and attendees about a war which never truly ended. If you would like to attend the event, you will need to firstly register interest. Once done, more information will follow from the RBL. You can register [here](#).

**AND FINALLY.....**

*The First Lieutenant was always very careful with his disguise when going ashore to Joanna's*



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