



**ROYAL NAVAL
ASSOCIATION**

SEMAPHORE



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Picture – SM Nigel Huxtable

GREETINGS SHIPMATES Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. I thought I'd include a picture of our National Council taken at a few weeks ago. If it were not for the voluntary work and time the Council and all of the regional and branch representatives and committee members put in, we would not have an Association, so thanks and BZ to all. 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 Tonight's Fireside Chat will be a talk by Michael Edwards who is the manager of the Seafarers Advice and Information Line (SAIL). SAIL is the Citizen's Advice service for mariners and is dedicated to anyone who's ever worked at sea and their partners, widows and widowers. As this Short goes to press, the chat for next Monday (3rd April) is yet to be confirmed as the original guest has unfortunately had to postpone. Please note there will be no chat on Easter Monday (10th April). 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.

ROYAL NAVAL RECOGNITION IN DEMISE HONOURS LIST His Majesty the King has graciously approved a number of awards to Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel,

along with members of the other Services, who were involved in Her Late Majesty's funeral. The Royal Victorian Order awards are a personal gift from the Monarch for services to the Crown. Categories of award range from Lieutenant of the Victorian Order (LVO) for Captain (now Cdre) Catherine Jordan, Member of the Victorian Order (MVO) to the officers of the state gun carriage crew and WO 'Eddie' Wearing (the State Ceremonial Training Officer), the Royal Marine Principal Director of Music and the RM Band Service Corps Drum Major. Royal Victorian Medals (Silver) (RVM) have been awarded to all of the remaining ratings (SR & JR) of the state gun carriage crew. They all did us immensely proud on the day and this recognition is richly deserved. The complete and authoritative list can be found in the London Gazette [here](#).



ARMY / NAVY RUGBY The RNA is pleased to announce that they will offer discounted tickets for the Army/Navy game at Twickenham on Saturday 13th May. £40 tickets for £35 and £35 tickets for £30. Support for transport costs are also available to RNA members/branches. Please fill in the form available via the RNA web site [here](#). The completed form should be returned to the Engagement and Influence Manager [here](#).

TERRENCE HIGGINS Many will be aware of the name Terrence Higgins and of the trust that was set up in his name, following his death from an AIDS related illness in 1982. Many won't know that Terry (as he was known) served as an RO in the Royal Navy from 1963 to 1968. We are currently in the 40th anniversary year of the Trust being set up and as a memorial to Terry, a quilt is being made telling his story. The trust would be interested in any stories (good or bad!) that some of our members may have if they served with him. So if you served with Terry at any time and if you have a few memories or dits, please contact Oli Brown of the Terrence Higgins Trust [here](#).

FOOD SECURITY SURVEY - LAST CALL A big thank you to all that have completed the survey which is looking at how the current economic difficulties are impacting veterans. The survey deadline is 31st March and you can take part in the survey [here](#).

AND FINALLY

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FOR A STOKER,
KNOCKER WAS
NOT KNOWN
FOR HIS SIX-
THROWING
PROWESS**



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