***CONA last Meeting: 17 Feb 2023 - Royal Maritime Club, Queen Street, Portsmouth***

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| **Item** | **Actions & Decisions** | **Lead** |
| **Feb 23/1** | **Re-election of Chairman & Secretary unanimously supported:**  Chairman: V Adm Duncan Potts CB  General Secretary (GS): Capt Bill Oliphant RN  Secretary: Malcolm Little ([malcolm@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:malcolm@royalnavalassoc.com))  *(NB: the RNA remains committed but reflections from all very welcome)* | **Ch/Sec** |
| **Feb 23/2** | **‘Stronger Together’. Encouraged participation** in broader commemoration events, such as:   * Battle of Atlantic (BoA80), May 2023 * Naval Association**s** Biennial Parade, Sep 2023 (*see Notes below*) * An annual ‘Navy Day’, also for fundraising purposes (*more to follow*). | **Sec** |
| **Feb 23/3** | **Shared potential benefits** of closer CONA collaboration identified to date:     * Cascading the learning (available Grants, etc) * Membership discounts (UK Holiday Group, etc) * Liability Insurance, free Minibus use (Pompey/ Plymouth/ Manchester based), admin /database support, Special Interest Groups, etc * GDPR (positive member opt-in’s, and Privacy Policy for storing personal data) * Joint comms promotion, incl generic contact details on social media/website/Year- Book/circulars/Navy News/fireside chats * Representation and advocacy into Cobseo, OVA, RNRMC et al.   *NB: RNA’s website undergoing refreshment to include a CONA page at some point. These links are nonetheless useful:*  <https://royal-naval-association.co.uk/help/organisations/>  <https://royal-naval-association.co.uk/help/organisations/trades-and-careers/> | **Sec** |
| **Feb 23/4** | **Individual Association Updates** – *as forwarded in advance of meetings (non to date).* | **All** |
| **Feb 23/5** | **Future meetings** to include items of mutual interest (i.e. RNBT, SSAFA, SAIL, VoS, RNRMC, et al) | **Sec** |
| **Feb 23/6** | **CONA membership** and Terms of Reference. Nothing yet formalised. | **All** |
| **Feb 23/7** | **DONM** – TBD (likely February 2024) | **Sec** |

Notes:

* Pre-Covid CONA met in March and September, to share information, work in collaboration to increase reach to the (mostly) Veteran audience, and jointly attend relevant events. Member Associations differ in size, from 30 to 16k members, running on goodwill and a passion to maintain pride and strengthen camaraderie in their (element of our) Naval Service. Since Covid CONA has met twice, in February, with a RN update included.
* Because the soft power potential of refreshing and equipping the Veteran element of society is worth harnessing, there is increased interaction between serving and former serving naval folk. The total number of naval association personnel exceeds 50k, all of whom are essentially naval enthusiasts, albeit with a regular need to be updated.
* **The Biennial Parade in 2023 is close to the first anniversary of our late Queen’s passing, giving us all the opportunity to parade our standards in Whitehall and reaffirm our allegiance to our new monarch**. Thank you to those Associations who have already indicated their intent to parade or join our platoons. If you wish to participate let us know soonest via [admin@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:admin@royalnavalassoc.com) with an indication of how many of your members will swell our collective ranks this year. For security reasons we have been asked to keep the date and timings off social media and to only share it with our members under the same caveat. It will also boost our credibility with the Met Police if all on parade are reminded to bring their Association membership cards with them.
* We welcome confirmation of the correct Association email and point of contact details, including any not on our list. We also seek permission to store email addresses and to list CONA member associations (not individuals) on our RNA website.
* **Finally, RNA membership is free and entirely complementary to all other Associations!**