

# SEMAPHORE SHORT

**AHOY SHIPMATES!** We might have reached the end of June but there is still some business to be wrapped up from the events of the past month. We would still like to hear from D-Day veterans who would be interested in being interviewed about their experiences—filming would take place at their home. Email [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org) We would also urge delegates at the AGM in Cardiff to return their questionnaires to Central Office to provide useful data. And don't forget make the most of Armed Forces Day tomorrow....

**PLAY THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION WEEKLY LOTTERY AND WIN UP TO £25,000** [PLAY NOW](#)

**CONFERENCE RAFFLE**

The winners were:

**1st Prize (£500):** Ticket 00756, **S/M Eddie Andrews** (Torpoint & Rame Branch)

**2nd Prize (£300):** Ticket 06019, **S/M Linda Davies** (Llanelli Branch)

**3rd Prize (£200):** Ticket 04641, **S/M Keith Geddes** (Eastbourne Branch)

Thank you to all for selling and buying tickets. We raised £1,052 profit from the raffle after the above prizes have been paid out and all for the RNA Central Charities Fund.



**NAVAL TOUR** The Royal Navy has sailed into the heart of Paris for the first time in 20 years. Earlier this month HM Ships Dasher and Trumpeter berthed on the Seine, 250 metres from the Eiffel Tower, to mark the 120th anniversary of the Entente Cordiale between the UK and France.

**CHAPLAIN MOURNED**

The RNA is sad to announce the passing of Warwick S/M, Chaplain Arthur Webster, who died on 17 June aged 95. Arthur conducted many services for RNA branches and ship associations.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** Our next Fireside Chat will be on Monday (1 July) when Ralph Dodds (accompanied by his cat) will talk about the US Rangers action at Pointe du Hoc on D-Day. Fireside Chats start at 1830 every Monday, and to access the chats, log into Zoom here. The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

**TYPE 22 CALL** Calling all Type 22 shipmates. The Type 22 Association (T22A) will be part of Column E at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, at the Remembrance ceremony this November. This is the first time the T22A has been fortunate enough to receive an allocation of tickets and it's a great opportunity for shipmates to get together and mark this annual event. A number of tickets are still available—if you are interested please contact Paris Barber at [Type22asso@gmail.com](mailto:Type22asso@gmail.com)

**ALMSHOUSE FLAT** The Sir John Hawkins Hospital has a vacant two-bedroom flat within their almshouse in Chatham, and are welcoming applications from disadvantaged people and their family (can be extended family). Whilst priority will be given to Naval beneficiaries, in exceptional circumstances applicants who have served in other branches of the UK Armed Forces may be considered. For further details and an application form go to [www.hawkinshospital.org.uk/](http://www.hawkinshospital.org.uk/) apply or email [hawkinshospital@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hawkinshospital@yahoo.co.uk)

**WATERLOO COLLECTION** The Not Forgotten charity are looking for volunteers to help with a collection at Waterloo station in London on Thursday 4 July. If you can help, please email Sarah Bewley on [cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org)

**BEATING RETREAT 2024** The RNA is delighted to offer some financial support to shipmates wishing to attend this event at Horse Guards Parade, London, on 11-12 July. Please ask your branch to complete a Branch and Club Support Fund form (see RNA website under Downloads/Accounts/Branch and Club Support Fund) and submit to [ceo-ea@rnassoc.org](mailto:ceo-ea@rnassoc.org) or send a hard copy to Central Office. If you are part of the HO (remote) membership, please contact the email above in the first instance. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://buff.ly/4bYtzuy>

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