

# SEMAPHORE SHORT

**AHOY SHIPMATES!** The RBL Poppy Appeal 2024 was launched yesterday, and fundraising is now in full swing, helping to fund RBL programmes supporting Service personnel, veterans and their families, from physical and mental wellbeing to employment support. The season of Remembrance culminates in the RBL Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 9 Nov, the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph the next day, and a two-minute silence on 11 Nov. We will remember them!

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**LIFE VICE PRESIDENT MOURNED**

Royal Naval Association Life Vice President Cdr Peter Campbell LVO, OBE, DL, RN crossed the bar peacefully at his home on 15 October. Cdr Campbell, who would have celebrated his 97th birthday just nine days later, was the beloved husband of the late Lady Moyra, devoted father of Rory and Michael, and doting grandfather to Taise, Finn, Chitty, Martha, Patrick and Molly..

His other RNA offices held included Past President of No 12 Area (Ireland) and Past President of Belfast Branch.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Drummaul Parish Church, Randalstown, on 22 October followed by a private cremation at Antrim and Newtownabbey Crematorium



**THE IMMORTAL MEMORY** The wreath laid by Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral Martin Connell is pictured on the upper deck of HMS Victory in Portsmouth during the Trafalgar Day ceremony.

Every year, a ceremony is held on board Victory on 21 October to celebrate the Royal Navy's success at Battle of Trafalgar and to mark Nelson's death.

It is one of the most significant dates in the Royal Navy calendar, and is marked at home and abroad in wardrooms and messes by traditional Trafalgar Night dinners, where guests toast the Immortal Memory of Nelson. That tradition is alive and kicking within the RNA, and plenty of branches have been in touch with Central Office to tell us about their own Trafalgar dinner (or lunch). See next week's Semaphore Circular – out on Friday 1 November – for images and reports from some of those celebrations



**RNA POPPY PIN BADGE** Just in time for Remembrance, our new Gingerbread Sailor Mascot RNA Poppy Pin badge is now available. You can buy them, or a more traditional RNA poppy pin (£6.50), from the RNA's online shop.

**MINIBUSES** The RNA minibuses are a great asset to us all, and we are proud to offer this membership benefit. To book a minibus, please contact:

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**DIARY ON SALE** Our smart RNA diary is still available to buy for just £6.50, including postage – but don't hang around as they are going fast. The diary also contains a wealth of member-focussed information, including useful numbers, important dates in the RN calendar, and contact details for Central Office staff. If you would like a copy then place your order on [admin@rnassoc.org](mailto:admin@rnassoc.org) or call Central Office on 023 9272 3747.

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