

SEMAPHORE SHORT

AHOY SHIPMATES! Well, here we are at the end of April (and still waiting for the weather to improve...). We have a few reminders and short-deadline items this week, and there is still time for branches to register a delegate for the AGM at Conference weekend – the application form is at the back of the **April Semaphore Circular**. Our next publication is the May edition of the Semaphore Circular, out on Friday 3 May, so if you have anything for that please let us have it soon on comms@rnassoc.org

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Veterans network On Wednesday 20 June the veteran employment community JobOppO will host 'Network Not Paperwork' at the Powder Monkey Brewery, Gosport. This relaxed yet informative event will help veterans and Service leavers understand more about networks and networking, and how they help members of our community land a better job. It will include insight from guest speakers and the JobOppO team, plus various short, sharp activities – all delivered by veterans who speak your language. Please register as places are limited. See <https://www.joboppo.co.uk/nnp24> for details.



GRIDIRON GROUP The Royal Navy American Football team lines up for the camera having edged out the University of Portsmouth in a competitive 26-15 victory. The RNA sponsored the Most Valuable Player award, and American Football is just one of the RNA Special Interest Groups that allows members with shared interests to rekindle that passion or get involved once more. See the May edition of the Semaphore Circular for more pictures.

BRANCH RETURNS A final reminder from Central Office - branch returns must be completed and submitted to us by next Tuesday, 30 April, at the latest. One copy should be sent to Central Office and one copy to your Area Secretary. And remember, the accounts do not need to be in hard copy form - an electronic version is quite sufficient.

And the uckers board? Well, that's a more traditional Navy pastime - and a handy reminder that the RNA's Uckers World Championships will be staged at the Royal Maritime Hotel in Portsmouth on Saturday 12 October.

POMPEY PLAYED UP Portsmouth end their season tomorrow as League 1 champions - and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard has a special offer for residents with a PO postcode of a 30 per cent discount on an annual pass to celebrate. The offer is available until Thursday 2 May - see <https://historicdockyard.co.uk/news-and-stories/play-up-pompey/> for details.

FIRESIDE CHATS Our next Fireside Chat will see Cdr Lee Paddock talk about 'Improving the Leave Well package' on Monday (29 April). 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. Please note there is no Fireside Chat the following week (Monday 6 May) as it is a Bank Holiday.

D-DAY VETERANS The RNA would like to hear from any Branches who have a D-Day veteran in their ranks. These veterans will be in line for a gift from the Association, and also an invitation to a VIP event. If you know of such a person, please contact RNA Comms lead Sarah Bewley on cml@rnassoc.org or call her on 07435 642883 as soon as possible.



D-DAY BADGES SELLING FAST Whether you wear them or collect them, our special pin badges sell fast - and the latest version is no exception. The RNA D-Day 80th anniversary pin badge (left) is available for £7.50 each including postage and packing, with the unit cost reducing to £6 each if more are ordered in the same envelope. There is also a Branch offer of £57.50 for multiples of ten badges including p&p. But don't hang about if you are interested - there are now only around 100 badges left. See <https://www.rnagizet.co.uk/product-page/dday-pin-badge> for further details, or contact engagement@rnassoc.org

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