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Editorial

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Guest Editor: Vice Admiral Mike Noonan AO RAN, Chief of Navy

Thanks to the Navy Victoria Network for inviting me to write this editorial in my second month as Chief of Navy. Leading an institution that is so vital to the security and prosperity of Australia is a true privilege and it brings with it a responsibility that I do not take lightly.

It is my belief that the Navy currently enjoys a strong relationship with Government and the Australian people as a result of the quality of our men and women and their contributions over an extended period. Nonetheless, we still have much to do if we are to realise our full potential.

It is an important time for Navy and an important time to be in our Navy. After many years of hard work, the majority of Navy's future capability decisions have now been made and we have a very good understanding of what the Navy will look like over the next 20 years. So we must now shift our focus to successful delivery and sustainment of our current and future force, in close partnership with Industry. We have a significant challenge ahead of us to bring together the National Shipbuilding Enterprise and execute our Naval Shipbuilding Plan. I know that both Navy and Industry are fully onboard and committed to it.

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Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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01 Sep – On this day in 1951 - ANZUS Treaty signed

01 Sep – On this day in 1920, Flinders Naval Depot was commissioned

01 Sep – Legacy Day – Remembrance service at the Shrine

02 Sep – Anniversary of formal surrender of Japan

03 Sep – Merchant Navy Day wreath laying at the Shrine

05 Sep – Battle for Australia commemoration service at the Shrine

11 Sep – Battle of Bita Paka wreath laying in the Sanctuary of the Shrine

16 Sep – Submarines Association of Australia wreath laying

Latest Videos and News Headlines

NOTE: The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:

<http://navyvic.net/news/news.html>

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LATEST VIDEOS.....

- A look back at Indo-Pacific Endeavour
- Indo-Pacific Endeavour visit to Honiara
- Vice Admiral Mike Noonan on Navy and the Region!

In parallel, we must also continue to deliver on our contract with Government and with the Australian people during a period of increasing uncertainty and unpredictability, both globally and regionally. We must be ready now, while concurrently becoming ready for the future. This includes managing both our current capability and our capacity with a focus on preparedness for existing and future contingencies.

Throughout my tenure, I will continue to work with my Senior Leadership Team to refine our strategic plans and address our various challenges, through the lens of three command themes:

- **A Thinking Navy.** Our success will increasingly depend on the quality of our thinking and our agility in decision making. We will encourage improved decision making and greater accountability at all levels of Navy. We will encourage transparent reporting, free flow of information, challenging assumptions, promoting advice without fear and innovation through positive disruption. We will pass a ‘value add’ lens over everything that we do and will strive to become a learning organisation. In short, we will focus on being better every day, in everything that we do and be worthy of the trust and responsibility that Government and the Australian people have bestowed upon us.
- **A Fighting Navy.** We live in complex and uncertain times with unprecedented regional competition and real potential for future conflict. We are the first line of defence and we must be ready to provide combat ready forces to the Chief of Joint Operations. We have an agile, resilient and lethal fighting force and we will fight alongside our brothers and sisters in the Army and Airforce as a professional Navy Team. We must also be ready to fight in all domains, including cyber and electronic warfare.
- **An Australian Navy.** We must continue to reflect on the importance of what we do, every day, for our country. Our people reflect the best of Australian society; we support and are supported by, our families and our community; we are ready to defend Australia. The quality of our men and women is our most important contributor to Australia’s maritime power and to our future success. Our quality will increasingly depend on our culture and the generation and maintenance of a fighting spirit. We don’t lose. We won’t

- Vice Admiral Mike Noonan on leadership in the Royal Australian Navy
- Vice Admiral Mike Noonan shares his advice for sailors in Royal Australian Navy
- The Formation of the Royal Australian Navy
- Indo-Pacific Endeavour 18 resumes
- Australian Medical team in Kabul
- HMAS Adelaide Air Operations during RIMPAC
- Amphibious assault marks end of Exercise RIMPAC
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal on Exercise RIMPAC
- RIMPAC 2018: CGTN's Nathan King got to experience it up close with the Royal Australian Navy
- HMAS Toowoomba's Firepower on Show

NEWS.....

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have found a way for wireless communication to circumvent the water-air barrier and enable direct data transmission between underwater and airborne devices.

Film crews from Paramount and Bruckheimer Films are aboard the Norfolk-based aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln this week shooting footage for the 1986 blockbuster Top Gun, the navy has confirmed.

Ships deployed as part of the Royal Australian Navy's annual maritime task group IPE18 have returned to Australia.

The New Zealand government has approved NZ\$103 million for the purchase and refit of a second-hand multi-role offshore support vessel.

A Dutch company whose trawler was caught plundering a WW1 shipwreck will have to pay nearly £250,000 after being caught by the Royal Navy.

lose.

As I stated above, there are a number of key challenges that we will address together and I also look to our broader Navy Family to continue to lend support.

Not surprisingly, the Navy workforce remains a primary focus and we will look at innovative ways of attracting new skills and retaining our people. We will promote and operate within a culture that encourages those who are currently serving to continue to serve, those who have left to want to return, and those Australians who are looking to be part of something bigger, to see in our Navy the attributes of a unique organisation worthy of their commitment and service.

Bringing together a National Enterprise is no easy feat and you will see Navy engage more broadly domestically and internationally with the community, Industry and our international partners. We will also be looking to our Navy community to help reinforce the importance of what we do and why; nothing short of the security and prosperity of our nation.

Sustainment and through life support of our platforms is paramount. While we well understand the cost of sustaining our current fleet, we will need to ensure we have thorough and comprehensive planning, with all stakeholders, to ensure capability requirements are fully understood and costed. Our Navy does not need to do more with less, it needs to do more in better ways. Our Navy needs to deliver on the total capability life cycle.

I mentioned the importance of improved decision making. Navy's licence to operate will be through empowering Navy people at all levels. I will drive decision making down through the provision of timely planning guidance and direction. In line with driving decision making down, I expect decision makers to accept accountability for their decisions. Improved decision making and acceptance of accountability at all levels is the key to our agility.

Navy culture remains one of our cornerstones and I am fully committed to ensuring that Navy's Values and Signature Behaviours remain at our forefront. This is the daily demonstration of who we are as individuals, as a Team and as the Australian Navy.

We will listen to our people, trust in them, believe in them, respect them, and give them a fair go. We will inspire our people to be

A sailor and mother of two says Navy's 'Keeping Watch' grant program has saved her family from being swamped by medical bills.

Cpl. Edgar Harrell floated in the shark-infested Pacific Ocean for four-and-a-half days after he had jumped off the fiery USS Indianapolis after it has been torpedoed. 73 years later he is finally promoted to Sergeant.

The crew of Royal Navy Type 45 destroyer HMS Daring will be awarded a new medal clasp for bravery shown during Bab al-Mandeb strait escort missions in 2016.

A federal grand jury in San Diego on Friday charged three retired sailors — a captain and two senior enlisted enlisted personnel — in the ongoing Fat Leonard corruption scandal.

The contribution of 196 Royal Australian Navy members as part of a combined Australian and United States helicopter unit during the Vietnam War has been recognised at a ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

Britain's Ministry of Defence is restarting its contest to build five general purpose frigates for the Royal Navy.

An outspoken retired Navy admiral, who oversaw the Navy SEAL raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, has issued a fiery open letter to President Donald Trump.

Captain Tim Standen has handed over command of HMAS Cerberus to Captain Michael Oborn during a Clear Lower Deck with the ship's company.

The US Navy's Blue Angels, the famous flight demonstration squadron, are set to receive a new squadron of Super Hornets.

more than they thought they could be; to reach their potential; and to reach our potential.

We will Think like a Fighting Navy, and Fight like a Thinking Navy.

Best wishes and thanks for your ongoing support.

Mike Noonan
Vice Admiral, RAN
Chief of Navy Australia

VALE

- † F.R. Gould, R42062, 21 August 2018.
- † POEWR L. Adams, 20 August 2018. Aged 69.
- † SNR CHAP Rev Dr Alan Stubbs RANR, 07 August 2018.
- † CMDR R. Rowan RANR, 07 August 2018.
- † CPOETS G. Matthews, 04 August 2018. Aged 66.
- † LCDR J. Ravenscroft RANVR, 28 July 2018. Aged 97.
- † POSBA L. Burgan, 28 July 2018. Aged 64.
- † POETS W. Lewis, 23 July 2018. Aged 60.
- † WOATV W.C. Asher R94159, 12 July 2018.
- † PO J. McIntyre MiD, R93385, 22 June 2018. Aged 73.

Lest We Forget

Note: VALE Notices

If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (webmaster@navyvic.net). We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' wall on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

RSL Annual State Remembrance Service - Springvale

Date of Service: Sunday 4th November, 2018
Commencing: 1:00pm
Location: Springvale War Cemetery, within the grounds of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Princes Highway, Springvale
Duration: Approximately one and a half hours.

In order that as many ex-service people, their families and friends are given the opportunity to attend, we would be most grateful if this could be given the widest possible circulation.

Thanking all in anticipation of their kind assistance.

Yours sincerely

Michael Annett, CSC
Chief Executive Officer

Following the successful conclusion of Exercise Rim of the Pacific, the Australian Defence Force has resumed its major maritime activity, Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2018.

The Department of Human Services is partnering with a key veterans' employment agency to help give Australia's former service men and women much needed opportunities to re-skill for civilian life.

Minister for women, Kelly O'Dwyer, presented the third progress report to parliament on the Australian national action plan on women, peace and security 2012–2018.

Australian shipbuilder Austal will be delivering six offshore patrol vessels for the Philippine Navy, the company confirmed on August 13.

A milestone of combined seventy five years of Service was recognised in a presentation of awards for a serving father and son by Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN.

A team of Navy chefs from HMAS Stirling has made it to the finals of a national cooking competition.

After long and distinguished service in the Royal Australian Navy, the decommissioned Adelaide class frigate, ex-HMAS Darwin, will receive a new lease on life as a dive wreck in the waters off Tasmania.

The term underwater warfare conjures images of submarines launching torpedoes as destroyers drop deadly depth charges.

Battle of Bita Paka

Service at 1100 on Tuesday, 11th September 2018
in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance,
afterwards at Darebin RSL.

The Battle of Bita Paka (11 September 1914) was fought south of Kabakaul, on the island of New Britain, and was a part of the invasion and subsequent occupation of German New Guinea by the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force shortly after the outbreak of the First World War. Similar to New Zealand's operation against German Samoa in August, the main target of the operation was a strategically important wireless station—one of several used by the German East Asiatic Squadron—which the Australians believed to be located in the area. The powerful German naval fleet threatened British interests and its elimination was an early priority of the British and Australian governments during the war.

At Bita Paka Australia suffered their first casualty of World War I, with Able Seaman Billy Williams mortally wounded.



The Bravo Zulu Project

Special Discounted Offer for Advance Purchases

The second volume of Bravo Zulu, scheduled for release in October 2018, traces the history and significant events in Australia's navy from 1975 to the RAN's Centennial year of 2014, through the stories of those of its men and women selected to receive honours and awards.

A special offer of discounted prices will run from late July until 29 September 2018 to raise the funding to cover the printing of the book. There are four options:
[download full details.....](#)

Point Lonsdale Bronze Plaque 6th. Oct 2018 - Unveiling at Point Lonsdale

On Saturday 6th October, at Point Lonsdale, a "Point Lonsdale" bronze plaque will be unveiled by the Queenscliff Historical Museum the result of their fundraising project to provide information for locals and visitors as to how the name Lonsdale came to be applied to that point at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay in 1836. Also the background of the person so honoured will be generally covered. Cecilia Newman the GGG Daughter of Capt Wm Lonsdale will unveil it.

Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria's newsletter, "Rogues' Yarn" is attached below



BAE Systems and Cammell Laird have launched a new website for the Leander frigate design they are pitching for the Royal Navy's Type 31 frigates.

CO NHQ-SA, CMDR Andrew Burnett attended Rose Court Residential Aged Care Home in Adelaide recently to present the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) to Jeffrey McIntyre, a former member of the RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV). Sadly, Jeff passed away four days after the presentation.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy will be sending a warship to Australian waters where it will take part for the first time in the international, biennial exercise Kakadu.

The first of two Australian Navy Cape-class patrol boats – ADV Cape Fourcroy – helped seize approximately 600 kilograms of cocaine and arrest two men in an operation on August 1.

As part of our program to modernise and streamline services, DVA has joined all its online services to myGov to expand self-service to enable veterans and their families to access DVA services online.

FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. August issue.....

*Navy League of Australia(Vic-Tas Div) August newsletter
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Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

1. *Merchant Navy Service, 1400 Monday 3SEP18 in the Sanctuary.*
2. *Battle of Bita Paka, 1100 Tuesday 11SEP18 in the Sanctuary.*
3. *RAN Recruits Rodgers Division, 1000 Sunday 16SEP18 in the Sanctuary.*
4. *Submariners Service (AE1 & AE2), 1100 Sunday 16SEP18 in the Sanctuary.*

Monuments - Remembrance

Monuments prompt remembrance of the sacrifice of those that served their nation in times of war. Those of National significance number ten, however, there are thousands of monuments important to local communities. In the past, monuments were neglected with little known of their relevance. The centennial years of WWI has impacted local communities, they have looked at their monuments and recognised the purpose of these instruments of remembrance. Many have been refurbished with townships now aware of the link between these iconic structures and the foundation of their town. In some cases, there are descendants of those that went off to war still in the geographic area, the hope is that remembrance will be pursued on an annual basis. This may be confined to ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, there may also be some activity specific to the township where an individual has made the supreme sacrifice. The monuments of national significance are few, however, two were upgraded as a consequence of the Spirit of ANZAC. These were the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne and the collection of artefacts at Albany, Western Australia. The Galleries of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance has added an array of memorabilia in a curatorial way that provides a simple and informed approach to the conflicts in which Australia has experienced since Federation. The Galleries add to the original Crypt where plaques that list all of the Navy, Military and Air Corp assets engaged in WWI. Also displayed in the Crypt are many Army Unit Colours where a strong link to Victoria exists. Central in the Crypt is the statue, towering over pilgrims from the centre of the Crypt, bringing together the father of WWI and the son of WWII. Above the Crypt is the most sacred Sanctuary. A most symbolic representation of the sacrifice made by many families during war. The other national monument improved is the collection at Albany, no less significant with a wide

range of memorabilia, buildings and some structures that have been in position at this prominent site since before WWI. Most recent additions are elements inspired by the Spirit of ANZAC. A walkway from the main ground to a prominent look out, lined with interpretive signs that identify each of the ships involved with the First Convey and the Second Convey. Improvements have been made to all of the pathways, monuments, buildings and displays. To accentuate the entire collection is a new ANZAC Memorial Building that is a must see venue. They have made good use of technolo-

Albany National ANZAC Centre looking over the First Convey anchorage.



gy to assist visitors appreciate the many features of WWI. There is information relating to every battle of significance indicating Australia's involvement. The most appealing feature is the 'personal card', a card provided on entry to the venue that represents an individual who went off to War in one of the two Convoys. Place the card on a special pedestal and information about the person is displayed, such as joining status and other personal details. As you move around the venue you engage different places where you place your personal card and more history is made known about your War Hero. Supporting this and the normal static displays is an audio system where you touch a key and your device delivers a podcast about the display in front of you. The Albany Memorial Site could easily be an all day venture, with a reasonable amount of walking involved, albeit on good pathways.

Service

VADM Mike Noonan AO CSC RAN, Chief of Navy acknowledged the extraordinary contribution made to the Navy by WO Marty Grogan OAM with presentation of his second Federation Star and with CAPT Darren Grogan CSC RAN, son of Marty received a fourth bar to his National Service Medal. Few families are able to claim such a formidable effort, congratulations Marty and Darren BZ.



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Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts. Articles may be edited to meet the available space. Political articles will not intentionally appear in R's Yarn.

Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC provides much needed funds to support welfare. A venue is available at Mission to Seafarers for like-minded groups, no cost. Email Daria at MtS daria.wray@missiontoseafarers.com.au to make a booking.

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for Ship Associations to provide information on their activities to the wider Navy Community. This is an opportunity for all ship/ branch associations to broaden their horizons.

A special day for Navy when VADM Noonan, Chief of Navy presented Leading Seaman Communication and Information Systems Rodger Dalby CSM a 3rd Federation Star, representing 50 years continuous service. Rodger joined in 1968 as a JR and went on to complete 37 years sea time. This must be an all time record. The standard of Rodger's service was highlighted by the award of the Conspicuous Service Medal. He completed 14 deployments and his wealth of experience is appreciated by his colleagues. He turned down promotion to remain at sea in a role he loves. There may not be another sailor or officer to have served at sea for as long as Roger. He is below with AB CIS Danielle Jewitt and LS Stewart Skidmore.



Photo from Navy's Media page

Ship Assoc's

Ship Associations need to think about their future. Most were established as a consequence of WW2 and now have a slim body of support. Some are lucky, their ship name has been continued with ship 2, 3 or even 4. Nonetheless, it is still one Warship name, inherited honours inform us. Some may be inward looking, no outsiders from their time. What's important is the memory of those that served, in particular those that made the supreme sacrifice. Current and future generations honour service and sacrifice of those that served in their respective ship, but a method that embraces this role is vital. One method has come to light, the Melbourne Sub-section of the Naval Association has expressed a willingness for Ship Associations, where the leader is within their area of influence to connect with the Sub-section. The Scrap Iron Flotilla Association has expressed an interest in a relationship with MSS. This could be the time for others to think about commemoration for their ship.

First Casualty



AB Billy Williams was the RAN Reservist who made the supreme sacrifice on 11th September 1914. His death was to occur well before the calamity of WWI was to be revealed before a horrified Australian community. Distress and agony was a constant and fateful feature over the four years

of WWI. The first casualty is a true reminder of the risk and courage required by service men & women, no matter what their role. The Battle of Bita Paka service will be a crucial reminder of the action that occurred on 11SEP14, where the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force destroyed the German Communication Station near Rabaul, New Britain. A reminder of how a young Melburnian, volunteer Navy Reservist, deployed with virtually no notice, transported to Sydney, embarked aboard HMAT Berriima, sailed north to make the supreme sacrifice.

Savo Island

At the Battle of Savo Island commemoration service, the experience of RAN Warships during 1942 was highlighted as the circumstances surrounding the Battle were spelt out by CMDR Zanker RAN, representing SNO(V). HMAS *Canberra* was lost on 9th August 1942, this had a serious impact on Australia's confidence, it followed the loss of many other Warships during 1942. Our Warships at sea were all deployed to waters where the threat of attack from the air and/or submarines was a constant. Many were to experience the cruellest of outcomes. Savo Island, proved to be a destination of immense grief where Allied

Warships encounter the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN). *Canberra* was hit by at least 24 salvos and then immobilised by two torpedoes dropped from the air. Fought under the light of Japanese flares the battle killed 84 of *Canberra*'s ship's company of 819 including Captain Frank Getting.

American losses during this battle were even greater with US Navy Warships *Quincy*, *USS Vincennes*, *USS Astoria* sunk with 939 US Navy causalities. Despite the damage *Canberra* remained afloat, survivors were rescued by *USS Patterson* and *USS Blue*. It was decided that *Canberra* was too damaged and had to be scuttled, that proved difficult. It took 265 shells and four torpedoes, fired from *USS Selfridge*



USS CANBERRA - being launched 1943



and more torpedoes from *USS Ellet* to finish the job. At the request of US President Franklin D Roosevelt a Baltimore class cruiser commissioned by the US Navy on 14 October 1943 was named *USS Canberra*

to commemorate the loss of Australian's Warship. The *USS Canberra* is the only Warship named after a foreign capital city or vessel. LEUT Stacey Sutherland RAN, Divisional Officer - Recruit School (pictured left with Pete Johnston VP NCCV) accompanied by several staff members from Recruit School delivered a reading. The service was attended by several representatives from Ship Associations and the Naval Association of Australia. Department of Veterans Affairs was represented by the Acting Deputy Commissioner CMDR David Cunningham RAN Rtd. There were descendants of those who made the supreme sacrifice and most importantly a survivor of the *Canberra*, Mr Roy Stephens who was accompanied by his son Gary. The service was supported by a smartly turned out Catafalque Party from HMAS Cerberus. The bugle calls were made by ABMUS Dorian Broomball, RAN Band Melbourne Detachment. The support of Navy made the occasion very special. The Battle of Savo Island was the pre-cursor to the bitter Guadalcanal Campaign. May we be worthy of their sacrifice.



Russell Pettis at the Remembrance Stone



Gary and Roy Stephens with CMDR Zanker RAN

Special Notes

HMAS Duchess. The Duchess boys are planning another get together in South Australia before ANZAC Day 2019. Standby for further advice on specific time and location. If necessary, email the organiser at: d154shipsoffice@gmail.com



Naval Association. Change is the norm, the Naval Association of Australia is no different. Their website has been updated, go to navalassoc.org.au to see what they are about. All members need to sort out their logon. if you are not a member, give membership some thought. Easy to forget how the DVA entitlements came about, ESOs, such as NAA fought for them. You get to mix with like-minded folk, some still in, most served in the past.

Get-Together in WA. Techocrats in the West are in the process of organising another of their very effective reunions of Mobis, Mechs and DETs, last held in 2015, this time 5DEC18. They may even let aliens join in the fun, such as a Stoker or two. Advice is the likely cost is \$90 a head, the venue will be the Fremantle Sailing Club, 151 Marine Parade, Fremantle. For more details, email to bandi@iinet.net.au as this will no doubt be a good run with the old school.

HMAS Choules. In the coming weeks HMAS Choules, named after Chief Petty Officer Claude Choules will berth in Melbourne for a short stay. Some Navy Associations will no doubt have the opportunity to undertake a walkround and see what the ship offers the Australian Defence Force. Keep your ear to the ground, this may be an opportunity.

Navy Week 2018. Please note the following dates:
 Friday 19OCT - Warship in town, Station Pier.
 Friday 19OCT - dedication of Creswell plaque.
 Saturday 20OCT - Seminar, ANZAC House.
 Sunday 21OCT - Seafarers Church Service
 Friday 26OCT - Golf Tournament, Mornington.
 Saturday 27OCT - Geoffrey Evans Yatch Race.
 If your organisation wishes to arrange an event that compliments Navy Week, or has an event during the week in question that could be included on the calendar, we would appreciate you advising us.
 NCCV is very happy to support any organisation that promotes Navy, in particular the legacy of past service & sacrifice.



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President's dit

Following the Battle of Savo Island on 9AUG, another important occasion of remembrance is the Battle of Bita Paka. This occasion identifies the loss of our first Australian casualty, Able Seaman Billy Williams. The loss of Billy is a reminder of the risk every person in the Australian Defence Force is likely to be exposed to as they go about their duty. Some are oblivious to the risk associated with being at sea, irrespective of the size of the Warship. The fact is it takes a special ability and skill to endure seatime, time away from family and exposure to the elements. The very experience of separation, living and working in confined quarters along with the constant regard for others makes the Navy experience different. The many activities we experience that remind us of the integrity of Navy life and the appreciation of service and sadly the sacrifice of colleagues prompts us to recant our own experience. Younger generations are keen to let others know that the Navy is not the same as it was, however, it is obvious that somethings have not changed. The closeness of shipmates, the willing support provided to a friend - these things are not new!

Yours aye, Terry Makings