

SUBMARINE DIVISION



PRINCE JOINS ROYAL NAVY SUBMARINERS FOR ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

HIS Royal Highness Prince William joined hundreds of serving and veteran submariners on November 4, for the annual Submariners' Remembrance Service in Middle Temple Gardens, London.

The service was the culmination of two days of events, beginning with the dedication of the Submarine Service Poppy Field of Remembrance in the grounds of Westminster Abbey on November 3.

Submariners from the length and breadth of the country gathered in the capital to pay their respects, including a wreath laying within the Abbey at the Combined Services Memorial.

On the Sunday, Commodore-in-Chief Submarines, HRH Prince William, attended the service in Middle Temple Gardens where the names of lost submarines were read aloud. Afterwards the group paraded to Victoria Embankments and laid wreaths at the National Submarine War Memorial.

Situated between Waterloo and Blackfriars bridges, the National Submarine War Memorial features the names of the British submarines lost during both World Wars.

Submariners also attended Remembrance Services around Scotland on November 11, with RAdm John Weale, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (FOSNI) attending Edinburgh's Remembrance Service, led by Edinburgh Lord Provost and Veterans Champion, Frank Ross.

Meanwhile, in Glasgow, Cdre Jim Perks, Commodore of the Faslane Flotilla, attended the ceremony in George Square, laying a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the Royal Navy.

As this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice, RAdm Weale also joined the Lord Provost and HRH The Princess Royal at a special service in Glasgow Cathedral later in the day to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM REAR ADMIRAL SUBMARINES (RASM)

THE November ceremonies give us a fitting opportunity in our busy lives to remember and pay respects to our fallen comrades.

I was delighted that so many of you were able to attend the SM memorial weekend in London and was filled with pride to see London awash with submariners engaging proudly with both the veteran community and the public.

There was also significant SM representation at National Remembrance Services and during the Armistice Centenary events throughout the country. Our Service is not an easy one and it is right and fitting that we take time to recognise the Service and sacrifice of our fallen.



Rear Admiral John Weale OBE RASM / ACNS(SM) / FOSNI

MUSEUM DONATION WILL HELP TELL THE CASD STORY

THE Friends of the RN Submarine Museum recently donated a whopping £111,274 to the Museum to be used on new exhibitions.

£35,000 of the money will go towards "Silent and Secret", an exhibition to mark the 50th anniversary of the Nuclear Deterrent, while £30,642 will be provided so the

Museum can install a Polaris Missile and TLAM in the John Fieldhouse Building. The Memorial Garden will also be given a boost, with £11,490 earmarked to help make it a fitting tribute to those submariners who are eternally on patrol.

Further information on the Museum can be found on their

website, including a Members Area which includes a film and presentation on the Scottish Submarine Centre, a report and film about the finding of HMS AE1 off Papua New Guinea and the ICEX Gallery containing images from ICEX88.

Visit: www.rnsubmusfriends.org.uk.



HMS VENGEANCE COMMEMORATES THE LOSS OF OLYMPUS

THE Sonar Department from HMS Vengeance (Starboard) remembered the 1942 loss of diesel submarine HMS Olympus recently when they travelled to Malta for commemorations.

The ceremony was held at the HMS Olympus memorial in the town of Ta'Xbiex and was attended by British High Commissioner Stuart Gill OBE and members of the Royal Naval Association (Malta Branch).

Giving an address at the ceremony was LS Stuart Lindsay from HMS Vengeance, who said: "HMS Olympus is representative of an immensely important, and costly, effort in Malta during World War Two. From the crews of the RN submarines, ships and aircraft, to the Maltese civilians, they all worked together to keep the Allied forces going in the Mediterranean. To all those who lost their lives serving from Malta – you will be remembered."

HMS Olympus was an Odin class submarine based in Malta which struck a mine and sank seven miles off the Maltese coast. Of the 98 people on board, only nine survived.



HMS TRENCHANT ARMISTICE COMMEMORATIONS

SUBMARINERS from HMS Trenchant were in South Wales recently to commemorate Armistice Weekend and catch up with affiliates in Llanelli.

During the visit the crew were also given the privilege of parading at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff ahead of the Wales V Australia Rugby International, and also attended other Remembrance activity across the area, including parades through Llanelli

and Crosshands and a reception with the Mayor.

Trenchant also took time to chat with students at Coedcae School, giving the children the chance to learn about today's Royal Navy and nuclear submarines.

"What we consider normal business was fascination to the children," explained Lt Cdr John Selden, "simple things like baking cakes on birthdays to what countries we had visited had them very interested."

John and his team gave several presentations to pupils and talked through what life was like on board and how they trained.

Brian Davies, the Chair of Governors at the school, said: "The submarine is affiliated to Llanelli and it's a joy to have them with us to commemorate the centenary of Armistice. It's important that people in the town appreciate what the RN does. After all, it's not every day you meet someone who's been to the North Pole!"

WARRANT OFFICERS & SENIOR RATES GATHER FOR TSM BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

THE Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Tactical Systems Branch Annual General Meeting was held at HMNB Clyde on October 3 with attendees travelling far and wide to attend the event.

Inaugural TSM Branch President Capt Ed Ahlgren, Captain of the Faslane Flotilla, made the opening address, speaking of the rapid pace of technological and cultural advances and how the Submarine Service must evolve to remain in the game. The Captain also reflected on TSM achievements of the past and how the role has grown in a dynamic warfare arena.

The backbone of the TSM Branch is the Chief Petty Officer Warfare Specialist (TSM) who strives to gain and maintain the tactical advantage via the exploitation of the Above Water Battlespace.

The day was packed with presentations from external agencies covering a wide range of hot topics.

Imagination is just as important as knowledge, and, with Rear Admiral Submarines overseeing a dedicated innovation team within HMNB Clyde, everybody has unfiltered access and an input into the future of the UK Submarine Service.



VANGUARD HOSTS AFFILIATES AT DEVONPORT



HMS VANGUARD recently hosted an affiliates day at Devonport, inviting members of The Worshipful Company of Dyers, 5th Regiment Royal Artillery, and the Leeds Headingly Royal Naval Association.

Members of the Submarine's crew brought the visitors up-to-date with the vessel's progress during maintenance

and also gave them a tour of 9 Dock where Vanguard is currently residing.

The affiliates were also treated to a tour of decommissioned submarine HMS Courageous, a tour of Type 23 frigate HMS Sutherland and also viewed some of the training Submariners undertake in Devonport.

Later, they also attended a Mess dinner within the Dockyard Heritage Centre.

"Maintaining our links with our Affiliations is important," said Cdr Steven Waller, CO of HMS Vanguard. "It not only informs our Affiliates of our work and endeavours but it is also a welcome reminder of why we exist and who we are trained to defend and protect."



SUBMARINER TRAINEES HELP AT HELENSBURGH PROJECT

TEN trainees from the Submarine Qualifying Course (North) (SMQ(N)) recently donated their Saturday to assist Argyll and Bute Council to redevelop Helensburgh's Hermitage Park.

The team were tasked with assisting West Coast Drystone Wallers in building a wall in the Park, helping to excavate the site and provide a steady supply of granite stones for the project.

Although hampered by torrential rain, the team pulled out all the stops and learned a thing or two about drystone walling into the bargain.

DAY-OUT FOR PARTNERS OF PATROLLING SUBMARINERS

THERE was an opportunity for the ladies of the patrolling A-Boat to get to know each other when they enjoyed a visit to the Carrick Golf Club and Spa on the banks of Loch Lomond.

The day was organised by Royal Navy and Royal Marines Welfare (RNRMW) and was designed so that the partners could meet one another in a relaxing setting, the group having only previously communicated via the internet.



SUBMARINERS SURFACE FOR HOLLYWOOD MOVIE PREMIER



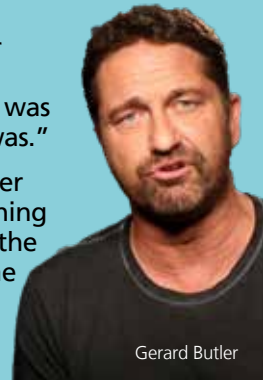
OVER 200 Submariners were given a special advanced showing of Hollywood movie "Hunter Killer" at HMNB Clyde on October 18.

The action-packed movie, which stars Gerard Butler, tells the story of a USN Hunter-Killer submarine, called into action to rescue the Russian President when he is captured by his own Defence Minister.

The Paisley-born actor was keen that real submariners had a chance to see the film and even recorded a special message which was played before the movie, saying: "I think the work you all do is incredibly inspirational and I want to thank you for that."

Petty Officer Ian Brown, who watched the premier in the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess, said: "As a Submariner, while accepting that it was a Hollywood movie, I was really impressed by how realistic the film was."

WO1 Andy Knox, Command Warrant Officer Submarines, continued: "There was something extra special about watching the movie in the company of fellow Submariners at the Home of the UK Submarine Service – especially given the early scenes depicting Faslane."



Gerard Butler

VICTORY SQUADRON HELP REFURBISH CHAPEL



The newly restored memorial window

A TEAM of sailors from Victory Squadron, HMS Collingwood, spent time helping to restore the Submarine Service Memorial Chapel at Fort Blockhouse, Gosport, recently, ahead of an important visit.

The sailors cleaned and painted the chapel before a visit from nine members of the Talbot family - relatives of Admiral Talbot, Flag Officer Submarines in the 1930s. Two of the Admiral's sons were submariners and were killed on active service during the Second World War and are commemorated in a memorial window in the Chapel.

Leading Engineering Technician (Marine Engineer Submariners) Connor Sellars, who was in charge of the trainees, said: "It was a privilege to have the responsibility to take charge of renovating such an historic chapel which is steeped in submarine history."

Hosting the visit was Clive Kidd, Honorary Curator of the Heritage Collection at HMS Collingwood. As well as working on the chapel, the trainees were also given an opportunity to visit the Submarine Escape Tank training facility and other historical landmarks across the site.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – HOW TO BUY

It's that time of year and how better to wish your loved ones a Merry Christmas than with your own Submariner Christmas Card, featuring the Peregrine Awards Global Operations winning photo of HMS Trenchant. Available in packs of ten cards for only £5, orders can be made by contacting SLT Joshua Ellis via email at joshua.ellis123@mod.gov.uk

SUBMARINE CALENDAR – WHAT'S ON – GET INVOLVED

Watch out for Christmas dinner on a V boat – the World's Most Extraordinary Christmas Dinners will transmit on Dec 18th 9pm on Channel 4.

WHAT'S IN NEXT MONTH

LOOK BACK AT 2018

LOOK FORWARD TO CASD50

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