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SUBMARINE DIVISION



MESSAGE FROM REAR ADMIRAL SUBMARINES (RASM)

THE Submarine Service recently received the honour of the Freedom of Anglesey, marching through Newry Beach, Holyhead. This hugely successful event highlighted the profound sense of gratitude the nation has for the work of its submariners in helping to protect our country.

There was also the opportunity to remember the loss of HMS Thetis. The 1935 tragedy claimed the lives of 100 men – military and civilian – who had been working together to bring the submarine into service. The event is a reminder of the enterprise and dedication of both military and civilian parties who work together to bring vessels into service and help make the Submarine Service the world-class fighting arm it is today.

Finally, the long-awaited Clyde CASD 50 parade is almost here. Thank you to all who have worked to deliver what will be a fantastic commemoration. Without their support and determination such an event would not be possible. I urge you all to make the most of this unique occasion – one which is thought to be the largest single gathering of Royal Navy submariners since the end of the Second World War!



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



Submariners taking part in the Anglesey parade.

SUBMARINERS RECEIVE FREEDOM OF ANGLESEY

THE Submarine Service received the Freedom of the County of Anglesey on May 25 during this year's North Wales Armed Forces event.

Almost 200 submariners descended on the Isle of Anglesey for the event, parading through the town as hundreds of well-wishers lined the streets.

The Guard was inspected by Council Chair, Cllr Margaret Murley Roberts; His Honour Edmund Bayley, Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd; and Rear Admiral Weale.

Rear Admiral Weale said: "It is a great honour for the Submarine Service to receive the Freedom of the Isle of Anglesey, especially as this is the year where the Royal Navy is celebrating 50 years of the Continuous At Sea Deterrent."

Following the inspection, the Freedom Scroll was presented to the Casket Party Warrant Officer, WO2 Stirling Way, before a prayer and blessing was offered by the Archdeacon of Anglesey.

Afterwards the participants took part in a memorial service commemorating the loss of the submarine HMS Thetis which sank 80 years ago with the loss of 100 lives.



Laying wreaths at the HMS Thetis memorial.

HELENSBURGH SET FOR AIR SPECTACULAR

MEMBERS of the public in Helensburgh will get a "front-row" view of a rarely seen military capability when the Submarine Parachute Assistance Group test their skills on July 8th and 9th.

The group act as first-responders to submarines in distress, leaping from aircraft into the water to deliver life rafts, rations, first aid and communications equipment to stricken vessels.

During the upcoming exercise – known as "Clydesplash 19" – the team will jump into the water adjacent to Helensburgh seafront, descending into the waters of the Firth of Clyde.

Jumps will take place at 5pm and 9.30pm on July 8, and at 4pm and 7pm on July 9. Don't miss the chance to witness this military spectacular!



Members of the SPAG team in action.

HELENSBURGH SUBMARINE MUSEUM AWARD

SCOTLAND'S only Submarine Museum and Education Centre has been highly commended at the National Museum and Heritage Awards.

The awards ceremony took place on Wednesday, May 15 in London and the team from the Submarine Centre, who were shortlisted with five other entrants, finished runners-up to the Imperial War Museum's documentary "They Shall not Grow Old" which was directed by none other than Peter Jackson, director and producer of the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

The Scottish Submarine Centre, which opened just over a year ago, is ideally situated just a few miles from Faslane, the home of the UK's Submarine fleet and offers a glimpse into the lives of serving and veteran submariners from all over the country.

The submarine centre's display uses state-of-the-art immersive projection and sound in its presentation of the X51 Stickleback - a Royal Navy submarine. This is the only surviving example of the four Stickleback-class boats built from 1954-55.



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SWEET TREAT FOR SUBMARINER CHEFS



Submariner Chefs at the College.

SUBMARINER Chefs from HMS Astute and HMS Vengeance (Port) were given a sweet treat recently when they headed to City of Glasgow College to attend a chocolate masterclass.

Under the tutelage of the College's top instructors, the Chefs, along with Astute's Logistics Officer, learned techniques and effects used in the delicate art of chocolate work. By the end of the day they were well on their way to being Chocolatiers.

"Inspired by nature, we made tree-like structures moulded from dark chocolate, with white chocolate lilies and hand-crafted leaves," said Chef Zane Utley.

"We also had a surprise visit from inspirational chef Gary Mclean who was BBC Professional Master Chef winner of 2016 and Head Chef at the College. He was keen to learn about life as a Chef in the Submarine Service. He also gave us a little insight into his world."

The City of Glasgow College trains some 500 chefs per year and the Waterfront Logistic Support Group have been working with them to establish links and showcase what a career in Submarine Service is all about.

The College's students have had the opportunity to visit HMNB Clyde and have helped cater at functions at the Base. A team of top chefs from the College is also helping to make the cakes that will be used to mark CASD50 at Clyde in July.

SUBS IN SCHOOLS LAUNCHES

ROYAL Navy personnel recently joined partners, Engineering in Motion (EIM), to launch a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative called "SUBS in Schools".

Being introduced into 14 secondary schools, the programme challenges students to design, test and manufacture their own mini submersible, competing to be the best in Scotland.

Alongside the work of building the vehicle, the teams will also document their work, prepare presentations and share their engineering knowledge with the judging panel. The cross-curricular initiative is designed to inspire passion for STEM and marine engineering, highlighting career relevance and encouraging students to consider a STEM-related career.

RAdm Weale said: "For over one-hundred years the Royal Navy have been pioneers, developers and leaders of submersible technology. The underwater environment is a unique and fascinating space, and one which it would not be possible to operate in if it were not for the challenges overcome by those in the STEM fields. I am delighted that the Royal Navy is supporting SUBS in Schools and that students will have this amazing opportunity."

A school pupil is given the chance to operate a mini-submersible.



STUDENTS COMMEMORATE D-DAY LANDINGS

SUBMARINER students from SMQ South recently joined veterans, dignitaries and members of the public when they attended St Budeaux waterfront in Plymouth to mark D-Day 75.

The group were by far the largest contingent among the Royal Navy representatives with student ETMESM Cartwright nominated for the honour of laying a wreath at the American War Memorial at Saltash Passage.

The US Navy established an amphibious base at the location to prepare for the D-Day landings. On June 6, 1944, soldiers from V and VII Corps left from Saltash to land at Utah and Omaha beaches.

WO1 Jeff Crawford, SMQ South Training Officer, said: "SMQ South students voluntarily gave up their instruction time to pay their respects knowing that they would have to work later into the evening to catch-up."

"Their attendance is testament to their Service ethos."



The SMQ South group gather for the D-Day event.

SUBMARINE CALENDAR

5 Jul – Clyde CASD 50 event.

WHAT'S IN NEXT MONTH

HMNB Clyde marks 50 years of CASD.

SPAG take to the skies over Helensburgh.

RNTMS / DINS OF INTEREST

RNTM 10-029/19 - Submarine Oscars Evening.

CASD 50 MERCHANDISE TO GO ON SALE

WITH 2019 the year of CASD 50, there's a fantastic chance to get your hands on some unique merchandise to mark the occasion. From coasters to cufflinks there's something for everyone and all at a reasonable cost.

Proceeds are going to three charities: Military Vs Cancer, Erskine Veterans and Helensburgh Sea Cadets so it's all for a good cause too.

Look out for the stalls at the upcoming CASD50 event or email: NAVYSM-CASD50MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk for details how to purchase.



MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST



PROFITS TO CASD CHARITIES

CUFFLINKS.....	£25
TIE PINS	£10
COINS	£10
LAPEL PINS	£3
COASTERS	£5
PAPERWEIGHTS	£60
BONE CHINA MUGS.....	£7
BOMBER PRINTS	£65

RASM WELFARE FUND

SM SERVICE TIES	£40
SM SERVICE BOW TIES	£30
SM SERVICE WHISKY	£30



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