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## FEDERATION OF PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATIONS CEREMONIES, ANNIVERSARIES AND EVENTS 2017

This list of Anniversaries, Ceremonies and Events for 2017 of interest to the Ex-Services Community, is compiled from best available information by Commander Charles Crichton OBE Royal Navy, Patron of the Federation.

Event organisers are invited to send input and update information to Charles by email: [charles\\_delia@talktalk.net](mailto:charles_delia@talktalk.net).

Further issues with updating details will be distributed periodically.

**Federation Standards.** Requests for parade of Standards will be annotated against events along with the “assemble” time.

Confirmed events will be shown in **BOLD**. Events awaiting information will be shown in normal type and *Completed events are shown in ITALICS*

### FEBRUARY

Wed 15 1100 (be seated by 1050). At the Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth, a Commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore. Organised by the Far East Prisoners of War Association (FEPOW). **STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030**

Wed 22 0730 Plymouth East Girlguiding World Thinking Day Celebration. Plymouth Hoe.

### MARCH

Sat 4 1045. The HMS EXETER Association will march through Exeter and have a Remembrance Service in Exeter Cathedral to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the World War II HMS EXETER and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falklands conflict for the Type 42 HMS EXETER. The parade will be led by the Band of HM Royal Marines and will include a platoon from HMS DEFENDER.

The Association would welcome any of the area RNA and RMA branches to join in the parade and service.

Contact: Mr Dougie Leask RNA Exeter Branch 02393 588483

Thur 9 1900. Devonport Naval Heritage Centre. Maritime Heritage Talk (Spring Programme Captain Andrew Welch RN- “The Shetland Bus-a World War II clandestine operation”).

Mon 13 1000. Commonwealth Day Flag Raising at the Guildhall Flag Pole

Sat 18 1100. Commemoration Service for the late Petr Ogorelkov a Russian sailor buried at Ford Park Cemetery. Petr was a stoker serving in the Russian Ship ASKOLD and he died when the ship was undergoing repairs in Devonport Dockyard in March 1917.

Information from Rose Southworth, Branch Secretary Torpoint and District Royal British Legion. [Rosesouthworth@btinternet.com](mailto:Rosesouthworth@btinternet.com)

**STANDARDS REQUESTED. ASSEMBLE 1030**

Wed 22 Rugby: Royal Navy versus French Navy at Brickfields, Plymouth. The South Atlantic Medal Association 1982 (SAMA 82) is the nominated charity for the game.

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## APRIL

- Thur 6** 1900. Devonport Naval Heritage Centre. Maritime Heritage Talks series. Janice Cawthorn and Barbie Thompson-independent researchers. “Slanguage: the rich heritage of naval slang and language”. See Note 1 below.
- Sat 8** 1845 for 1900 start. RNRM Riding Stables Charity Dinner and Dance in the splendid surroundings of the Wardroom HMS DRAKE. Three course meal with wine at the table. Charity auction and raffle. Tickets £45 each-contact Stables Chairman Cathie Gillespie 01752 727 038 or 07766 073 925
- Fri 21** Her Majesty the Queen’s Birthday
- Sun 23** 1000. Lord Mayor’s Civic Church Service. St Paul’s Church, Efford Lane.
- Fri 28** 1200. Millbay. Plymouth Merchant Seafarers Association will hold a Commemorative Service marking the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of survivors from the TITANIC at Millbay Docks. Merchant Navy Standard on parade.
- Sun 30** 1430. Annual Memorial Service at the Tank Memorial Site at Torcross, Devon, for those who lost their lives during Exercise Tiger at Slapton Sands on 28 April 1944. See [www.Exercisetigermemorial.co.uk](http://www.Exercisetigermemorial.co.uk)  
STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1400

## MAY

- Sat 6 May** PLYMOUTH HISTORY FESTIVAL 2017  
**- Sun 4 June** An annual celebration of the Plymouth great heritage. The Festival programme includes a range of exhibitions, displays, special events and family activities. It also features guided walks, illustrated talks and behind-the-scenes tours. Venues range from libraries, community halls and churches to country houses and historic landmarks. For full information on this impressive History festival see: [www.plymhistoryfest.wordpress.com](http://www.plymhistoryfest.wordpress.com)
- Thur 11** 1900. Devonport Naval Heritage Centre. Maritime Heritage Talks series. Paul Burkhalter-independent researcher. “Devonport Dockyard Railway”  
See Note 1 below.
- Fri 19** 1030. Lord Mayor of Plymouth Choosing. Plymouth Guildhall  
STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASEMBLE 1000
- Fri 19** 1930 for 2000. Lord Mayor of Plymouth Choosing Dinner, Holiday Inn, Plymouth.
- Sun 21** 1030. Lord Mayor of Plymouth Civic Church Service, Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth.  
STANDARDS REQUESTED. ASSEMBLE AT 1000
- Fri 26** 1200 Memorial Service at the US Naval Memorial Tamar Bridge, Car Park.  
STANDARDS REQUESTED; ASSEMBLE 1130

- Sat 27            **1200. Plymouth Lord Mayor's Festival. Plymouth City Centre.**
- JUNE**
- Sat 3            **SSAFA Ball, Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse. Details 01752 553 414 or [Plymouth@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:Plymouth@ssafa.org.uk)**
- Tue 6            **1100. Commemoration at the Normandy Veterans Memorial, Belvedere Gardens, The Hoe, Plymouth.  
STANDARDS REQUESTED 1030**
- Thur 8           **Devonport Naval Heritage Centre. Maritime Heritage talks series.  
Professor Bob Stone-Director, Human Interface Technology Team, University of Birmingham. "Exploring Naval Heritage with Virtual Reality".  
See note 1 below.**
- Sat 10           **Her Majesty the Queen's Official Birthday. Birthday of Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh**
- Door of Unity Service, Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth.  
RN, RM & MN STANDARDS REQUESTED. Details to be announced
- Royal Navy Mass with the RC Bishop of the Armed Forces. Roman Catholic Cathedral, Plymouth. Details to be announced.
- Wed 14          **1930. South Atlantic Medal Association (1982) SAMA 82 Charity Band Concert at the Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth featuring the Band of HM Royal Marines. The concert will be followed by a Drumhead Service.  
Tickets at £15 from [www.theticketstore.co.uk](http://www.theticketstore.co.uk)  
STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1900**
- Sat 17           **Armed Forces Day Exeter.**
- Mon 19          **1000. Plymouth Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony, Guildhall Flag Poles.  
STANDARDS REQUESTED. ASSEMBLE 0930**
- Wed 21          **1930. A concert by Plymouth Sound House Brass in aid of the Poppy Appeal at St Mary's Church, Market Road, Plympton. Doors open 1900. Tickets £6 available from the Plympton Royal British Legion Club from 1 May. Contact 01752 343771**
- Sat 24           **The National Armed Forces Day at Liverpool.**
- Sat 24           **PLYMOUTH ARMED FORCES DAY-PLYMOUTH HOE  
A big thank you to the Armed Forces, their families and our veterans.  
Raise awareness of and support for our Armed Forces community and celebrate the outstanding contribution it makes to our country.  
Armed Forces Day Full details to be announced and will include:  
The RAF and Allied Air Forces Monument Service.  
Devonport Field Gun Association Junior Field Gun Tournament.  
STANDARDS REQUESTED. DETAILS & ASSEMBLY TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

**Sat 24  
-Fri 30**      **SEAFARERS AWARENESS WEEK.** Themes - “Maritime jobs at Sea and Ashore” and “Sea Ports for prosperity”. The focus will be on promoting maritime and marine employment opportunities including the UK’s thriving ports industry. The week will also mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Seafarers UK (King George V Fund for Sailors) See [WWW.seafarersawarenessweek.org](http://WWW.seafarersawarenessweek.org)

## JULY

### **CENTENARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE WOMEN’S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE (WREN 100)**

There will be a substantial programme of events throughout the UK to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formations of our beloved “Wrens”.

For details see the WREN 100 website [www.wrens.org.uk/events](http://www.wrens.org.uk/events)

**Sat 1**      **Devonport Field Gun Association Reunion.**  
See [www.devonport-command-fieldgun.co.uk](http://www.devonport-command-fieldgun.co.uk)

**Sun 9**      **1100. SEA SUNDAY. MINSTER CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, PLYMOUTH**  
The congregation of the Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth, will welcome everyone to join together in a Service to give thanks for our Seafarers. The service will include a commemoration of the centenary of the founding of the Women’s Royal Naval Service- WRNS (WREN 100) and the centenary of the founding of Seafarers UK (King George V Fund for Sailors)

**STANDARDS REQUESTED:ASSEMBLE 1030**

Sea Sunday is the day set aside for us to come together to remember the brave and dedicated Merchant Seafarers who we rely on to sustain our global economy, all those who go down to the seas in ships, the work of the Royal Navy and the maritime Charities. For information on National Sea Sunday see [www.seasunday.org](http://www.seasunday.org)

**Thur 20**      **A joint Seafarers UK and WREN 100 Centenary dinner at the Holiday Inn, Plymouth. £45 for drinks reception and 3 course gala dinner. Discounts for tables of 10.**  
For details contact 01752 812674 or email [chris@community-network.org](mailto:chris@community-network.org)

**Sat 22-  
Sun 25**      **1100-1630. RAF HARROWBEER Archive Weekend. Knightstone Tearooms, Crapstone Road, Yelverton. For information contact Michael Hayes 01822 853679**

## AUGUST

**Sat 12  
-Sun 13**      **RAF HARROWBEER INTEREST GROUP 1940’S WEEKEND**  
Re-enactors, historic vehicles, displays and stalls are invited to participate, see [WWW.RAFHARROWBEER1940S.CO.UK](http://WWW.RAFHARROWBEER1940S.CO.UK)

**Tue 15**      **1100. VJ Day. Short Service of Remembrance at the Rowan Tree, the Minster Church of St Andrew Plymouth. Organised by the Plymouth Branch Far East Prisoner of War Association (FEPOW). All welcome to attend.**

## SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3**            **MERCHANT NAVY DAY**  
**Local authorities requested to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, the day on which we remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy.**
- Arrangements for the hoisting of the Red Ensign and a Commemoration of Merchant Navy Day to be announced  
STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLY DETAILS AWAITED
- Thur 7**            **National Heritage Open Days. A four-day festival celebrating local history and giving**  
**-Sun 10**            **access to thousands of places usually closed to the public. [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)**
- Sun 17**            **1100. Battle of Britain Day Memorial Service, Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth.**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030**
- Fri 29**            **1845 for 1930. Devonport Field Gun Association. “Future Fit” (Junior Field Gun Programme) Ladies Night and Sponsors Dinner. Officers Mess HMS DRAKE.**

## OCTOBER

- Sat 28**            **1100. Captain Henry VC Commemoration at Ford Park Cemetery. Organised by the Royal Artillery Association.**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030.**

## NOVEMBER

- Sun 4**            **The Woods Charity Ball in aid of the Poppy Appeal and other charities at the Palace Hotel, Torquay. With a 1920s theme. Meal and evening entertainment £48.50. Evening event only £25. Contact 01626 853940**
- Mon 6**            **1800. Federation Remembrance Festival Rehearsals- Plymouth Pavilions (Availability of the Pavilions to be confirmed)**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1800**
- Tue 7**            **SSAFA Fair. HMS DRAKE HM Naval Base Devonport, Plymouth.**  
**For details see [Plymouth@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:Plymouth@ssafa.org.uk) or call 01752 553 414**
- Thur 9**            **1100. The People of Plymouth who died in conflict Memorial, Crownhill Fort, Plymouth. The Service will be followed by a free buffet lunch for those attending at the Royal British Legion Club, Crownhill. Sponsored by the Co-operative Society.**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030.**
- Fri 10**            **1900 for 1930. THE FEDERATION ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL. PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS. Ticket information to be announced.**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1900**

- Sun 12**      **1100 PLYMOUTH REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE, NAVAL WAR MEMORIAL, THE HOE.**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLY TIME AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE NOTIFIED.**
- Sun 12**      **1500. Ceremony of Remembrance at the Rowan Tree, Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth. Organised by the Plymouth Branch of the Far East Prisoner of War Association (FEPOW). All welcome to attend.**
- Sun 12**      **1030 for 1100 Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Parade Ivybridge.**
- Tue 14 -**      **Poppy Wave Sculpture at the Plymouth Naval War Memorial organised by the**  
**Sat 18**      **Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). CWGC will be issuing a call for**  
**Volunteers to assist in the management of this project.**  
**For details see [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)**
- Wed 29**      **1200 (assemble from 1115). Aden Veterans South West Branch 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Act of**  
**Commemoration and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the withdrawal from Aden.**  
**Memorial Garden, The Belvedere, The Hoe, Plymouth.**
- The Service will be followed by a buffet lunch at the Mount Edgcumbe Masonic Hall, 237-241 Citadel Road (East), The Hoe, Plymouth, PL1 2BG.**  
**For booking forms for buffet lunch send letter of interest by 29 may to :**  
**Vic Freeman, Secretary of the SW Branch by email [vj.we@talktalk.net](mailto:vj.we@talktalk.net) or by mail to**  
**12 Vine Gardens, Milehouse, Plymouth PL2 3HD.**
- STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1130**

## **DECEMBER**

- Sun 3**      **1100 (form up at 1040) Devonport North Corner Commemoration Service.**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Frankton.**  
**Organised by the Royal Marines Association**
- STANDARDS REQUESTED: 1030**
- Fri 15**      **1930. The Lord Mayor of Plymouth's Carol Service-Minster Church of St Andrew,**  
**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1900**
- Sun 31**      **Hinkley VC Commemoration at Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth.**  
**Organised by the Royal Naval Association.**
- STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030**

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## NOTES.

### 1. DEVONPORT NAVAL HERITAGE CENTRE

See [www.devonportnhc.wordpress.com](http://www.devonportnhc.wordpress.com)

**OPEN DAYS-Programme awaited**

#### **MARITIME HERITAGE TALKS**

**Arrive at 1815 for tea and biscuits. Talks start promptly at 1900 (no late entry) and complete by 2000 followed by refreshments.**

**Directions: From Granby Way, Devonport (PL1 4HG), follow signs along Vivid Approach for 250 metres to entrance on right at PL1 4RW. Free but limited on-site, controlled access parking.**

**Pre-booking is recommended either by phone 07917 751 082 or email [devonportnavalheritage@gmail.com](mailto:devonportnavalheritage@gmail.com). Places should be claimed on arrival at the event by 1845, in return for donation of £3 (to include hot/cold drink and biscuits).**

### 2. FORD PARK CEMETERY. Details of a substantial programme of events can be found on [www.ford-park-cemetery.org](http://www.ford-park-cemetery.org) or at the Cemetery Visitor Centre 01752 665442.