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An Open Letter to Valued Supporters of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity

As the country's resolve is tested in ways that we couldn't have imagined even a few weeks ago, I am writing to you and all those who support the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity through payroll giving. We are hugely grateful to you because of the difference you make to the lives of so many people in their time of need. The donations which you make have always made an enormous difference to many sailors, marines, past and present, and their families, now more so than ever before.

Responding to the extraordinary challenges that the Coronavirus outbreak has brought about requires flexibility in how we use our money. Trustees have already approved a £500,000 Hardship Fund to support people and organisations facing situations unimaginable for them and their loved ones not so very long ago.

The Fund is already being put to good use for serving personnel with grants having already been made to ships and submarines, shore establishments, overseas commands and in support of vulnerable Naval families. We are also working at pace with a number of fellow charities to ensure funding exists to support both working-age and older veterans as the economic turmoil the nation is experiencing turns to hardship for many.

In order to achieve all of this, we are having to alter our normal processes. In accordance with Government guidelines, the Charity's staff is operating remotely, enabled by our recent investment in IT infrastructure, such that all our routine operational activity is continuing without disruption. Additional resource has been directed at our Support Line (please see our website: www.rnrmc.org.uk), which is staffed on a rota basis from 0830 to 1630, Monday to Friday. We will keep these times under review and expand if we need to.

My key message to you is that the RNRMC remains open for business and is primed and ready to offer its support to you, your family, your Shipmates and Oppos now, throughout this unprecedented situation and beyond. Our mission has always been to support sailors, marines and their families, for life and we remain steadfastly by your side.

With heartfelt thanks,

Yours most sincerely



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