

The Merchant Navy Association

from ship to shore, from past to present



FALKLANDS 25 SUNSET WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TOWER HILL

Can you help?

The Merchant Navy Association is involved with the MoD as a member of the Steering Committee organising this special service starting at 1830 hrs on 15th June 2007.

This event will recognise and commemorate all those Merchant Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary medal holders who supported HM Forces during the Falklands Conflict and the seventeen merchant seafarers who died during the campaign.

The Merchant Navy Association are honoured to have been asked to organise and distribute all the invitations. We would appreciate your help in promoting this uniquely focused event in as many ways as possible. The Service will be held at the recently dedicated MN Falklands Memorial set alongside the other two national Merchant Navy War memorials in Trinity Gardens.

There were approximately 3,000 Merchant Navy campaign medals awarded and we are hoping to bring together as many veterans as possible in Trinity Gardens. This event is one of many being organised to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict and more information can be found on <u>www.falklands25.net</u>.

The MoD would like us to contact all those who received decorations aboard MN and RFA ships...those who received special decorations as listed in appendix 1. If we can establish contact we will be able to send them, or their immediate families, personal invitations. In addition we are hoping to contact the Masters or families of all the MN and RFA ships in the hope of connecting with even more of those involved. Please see appendix 2. We do understand that databases are private but with this advance notice we hope that you can facilitate contact in some way.

Any of those wishing to attend are advised to send their application for tickets to the MNA's National Chairman. Please note that all those applying for tickets <u>must</u> hold the South Atlantic Medal and <u>must</u> have a permanent United Kingdom address.

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Tim Brant MNA National Secretary, 9 Saxon Way, Caistor, Market Rasen, LN7 6SG Tel: 01472 851130 E-mail: <u>mna@virgin.net</u> Any help you could give in obtaining addresses of those listed below or any other appropriate contacts would be much appreciated.

APPENDIX 1

DECORATED

- NORTH Captain Ian Harry DSC---Posthumous
- BROCKLEHURST Chief Officer John Keith MID
- STEWART Chief Engineer James Mailer MID
- WILLIAMS Third Engineer Brian Robert QGM
- Miss Rosemary Margaret Elsdon (MBE, Senior Nursing Sister, Canberra)
- Richard Sydney Barrett (BEM, Chief Stwd, Cable Ship Iris)
- Dennis Paul Betts (BEM, AB, tug Irishman)
- Alan John Leonard (BEM, Ch Cook, Atlantic Causeway)

APPENDIX 2

MN SHIPS

Alvega	Captain	A Lazenby
Anco Charger	Captain	B Hatton
Astronomer	Captain	H S Bladen
Atlantic Causeway	Captain	M H C Twomey
Atlantic Conveyor	Captain	I North DSC
, Avelona Star	Captain	H Dyer
Balder London	Captain	K J Wallace
Baltic Ferry	Captain	E Harrison
British Avon	Captain	J W M Guy
British Dart	Captain	J A N Taylor
British Enterprise 3	Captain	D Grant
British Esk	Captain	G Barber
British Tamar	Captain	W H Hare
British Tay	Captain	P T Morris
Britist Test	Captain	T A Oliphant
British Trent	Captain	P R Walker
British Wye	Captain	D M Rundle OBE
Canberra	Captain	D J Scott-Masson CBE
Contender Bezant	Captain	A MacKinnon
Eburna	Captain	J C Beaumont
Elk	Captain	J P Morton CBE
Europic Ferry	Captain	W J C Clarke OBE
Fort Toronto	Captain	R I Kinnier
G A Walker	Captain	E C Metham
Geestport	Captain	G F Foster
Iris	Captain	A Fulton OBE
Irishman	Captain	W Allen
Laertes	Captain	H T Reid
Lycaon	Captain	H R Lawton
Nordic Ferry	Captain	R Jenkins
Norland	Captain	D A Ellerby CBE
QE2	Captain	P Jackson
St Edmund	Captain	M J Stockman
St Helena	Captain	M L M Smith
Salvageman	Captain	A J Stockwell
Saxonia	Captain	H Evans
Scottish Eagle	Captain	A Terras
Stena Inspector	Captain	D Ede
Stena Seaspread	Captain	N Williams
Tor Caledonia	Captain	A Scott
Uganda	Captain	J G Clark
Wimpey Seahorse	Captain	M J Slack OBE
Yorkshireman	Captain	P Rimmer