



**2014
IMPACT
REPORT**
**SUPPORTING NAVAL
SERVICE OFFICERS
THROUGH LIFE**



Please convey my warm thanks to the President and the Board of Trustees of the Royal Navy Officers' Charity for their message of loyal greetings, sent on the occasion of their two hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary, which will be celebrated in 2014.

As your patron, I was interested to learn of the many events that have been planned to mark this special year in the charity's history and appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did. In return, I send my best wishes and congratulations to all concerned on this most special anniversary.

HM THE QUEEN, PATRON



The Royal Navy Officers' Charity remains relevant and right up to date. Formed through the merger of the ARNO Charitable Trust with RNBSO, it has itself merged with the Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity, providing access to more funds when required, while also reducing costs. The charity is 275 years old, but still keeping young and always available to help those in need.

ADMIRAL SIR JAMES PEROWNE KBE, PRESIDENT



In 1739, four naval captains established the Amicable Navy Society to provide relief to distressed Royal Navy officers and their dependants. Their vision and determination created a lasting legacy which, as we celebrate our 275th anniversary, has helped support many thousands of members of the Royal Navy Officer family. At a time when applications from serving officers are growing, I am sure our predecessors would be proud that the charity they founded still thrives, and continues to provide vital, relevant support to today's beneficiaries.

REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD LEAMAN, CHAIRMAN CB OBE



I am extremely proud to be CEO of an organisation that counts amongst its early members the likes of Admirals Rodney, Jervis and Nelson. In 2014 it could be argued that organisations such as ours are anachronisms - this is just not true. Admittedly the State provides benefits but there are gaps and this is where the RNOC operates. It helps younger beneficiaries meet the unforeseen with tangible grants and the elderly with smaller regular grants which raise the basic state aid to a more comfortable level.

COMMANDER MICHAEL GOLDTHORPE ROYAL NAVY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Every year, the Royal Navy Officers' Charity (RNOC) awards **INDIVIDUAL GRANTS** totalling up to

£300,000

IN 2013



60 ONE OFF GRANTS
WORTH BETWEEN
£200-£3000
EACH

EVERY YEAR



WE PROVIDED DIRECT
FINANCIAL HELP TO
200+
SERVING AND FORMER ROYAL NAVY
OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

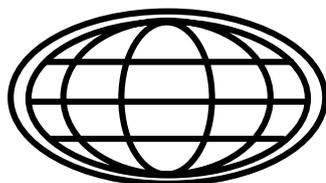
DURING 2010-2013



WE PROVIDED ALMOST
£1,000,000
IN FINANCIAL HELP TO THE ROYAL
NAVY OFFICER FAMILY

A GLOBAL REACH...

The Royal Navy Family extends around the world – and so does our work, with beneficiaries in the UK, Europe, North America, South Africa and Australasia.



...AND A PERSONAL APPROACH

Whether it's for respite care or a new refrigerator, school fees or furniture, we provide the funding people really need, when they really need it.



SINCE 2010, WE'VE AWARDED OVER **£40,000** IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP CHILDREN CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION DURING DIFFICULT TIMES AND FAMILY CRISES



IN 2013 WE MADE REGULAR GRANTS TOTALLING OVER **£140,000** TO OVER **80** FORMER ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

A UNIQUE ROLE

Established in 1739, RNOC is one of Britain's oldest naval charities. Now in our **275th** year, we work exclusively with serving and retired Royal Navy and Royal Marines officers, their respective Reserves, their families and dependants, all around the world.

Every year we provide one-off grants and long-term financial support.

#1 FOR 1-OFFS

For some, the transition from Service to civilian life can be a formidable challenge. We offer one-off grants to those experiencing financial difficulties, or changes in family circumstances, to help them through tough times and make a new start.

FOR THOSE STARTING OUT...



Through life support

FOR THOSE WHO NEED EXTRA...



At the age of 30, **Capt C** found adapting to civilian life after serving in the Royal Marines more difficult than he had imagined. We provided a support grant that allowed him to complete a diploma course, opening up a genuine second career for him.

After completing a five-year commission with the Queen Alexandra's Royal Navy Nursing Service (QARNNS), **Lt K** returned to the NHS. Soon afterwards, he was made redundant, causing a downward spiral of marriage problems, alcoholism and financial difficulties. With help from the RNOC towards removal expenses and a rent bond, he has now embarked on a new career and is doing well.

During 2013, we provided 80 annuitants with regular grants to meet the extra costs of long-term care, or ease the burden of living on a reduced income.



We've provided an annuity to Lt Cdr H-R, who served as a Fleet Air Arm Officer in the Second World War, since 2001.

"Believe you me, it is a lifesaver and I don't know what I'd do without this continued support"

We continued to help Mrs G meet the care costs for her husband, a former Engineer Officer, whose increasing needs meant he had to move to a care home.



"I am extremely grateful for the Trustees' generosity each year as this money enables me to enhance my husband's day-to-day living in many ways"

In 2013, we also made our twice-yearly grants to Mrs A, whose late husband was a Royal Navy hydrographer.



"This award enables me to continue in my home where I have lived for the past 30 years," she says. "I'm among many good friends, without whom I would be very lonely indeed, especially since John died. The award really does make a big difference to me, thank you so much."



FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT OTHERS...

Many of those we support are, themselves, supporting others. As part of the Royal Navy Officer family, we're here to make a real difference.



The Royal Navy has always taken care of its own, and the loss of any member of the naval family affects us all. We provide financial support for those who've been bereaved – and in 2013, we also had the privilege of fulfilling one former officer's final wishes.

FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND

Lt Lamb, a former Air Electrical Officer, had spent the latter years of his life in a Spanish care home, thanks to RNO's financial contribution. His will stated that he wished to have his ashes committed at sea in sight of Europa Point, Gibraltar. We provided a white ensign for the ceremony, conducted on board HMS Scimitar by Rev Mark Jackson.

During 2013, we helped pay boarding-school fees for the two 12-year-old children of a serving officer deployed overseas. Due to the family's special circumstances the children were unable to stay at home in the UK. This enabled the children to remain in a familiar environment while their dad was away, providing stability, continuity and reassurance for the whole family.

CARING FOR THE CARERS

We've also helped fund much-needed respite care for Mrs L, who's spent the past four years caring for her husband, a former RN Communications Officer and SSAFA caseworker, who has dementia.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We treat every case that comes to us on its merits, then provide funding that meets the person's specific needs and situation. This flexible, individual approach really does transform lives. We aim to give you:



A SENSE OF SECURITY



PEACE OF MIND



A HELPING HAND

Dear Sir,

I write to express my gratitude and appreciation for the generous grant given to me by the association.

This assistance has proved to be very valuable to me as I embark on a new career and new flat.

In particular I would like to thank you for your speedy actions in releasing the monies to the Lettings Agent and in order to cover moving expenses.

Your kind and caring attention has gone a long way to helping me make a new life after a difficult period for me.

Yours Sincerely,

I have been informed by Kathleen Wallis from the Officers' Association that the RNOC have kindly contributed towards the Grants they made to me.

I cannot thank you, the RNOC and the Officers' Association, enough for helping me through these difficult times.

It is comforting to know that there is help out there I can assure you.

Yours very sincerely,



MARKING OUR FIRST 275 YEARS

In May 1739, war with Spain was imminent, and naval officers flocked to London in search of appointments. They formed a club, which met weekly at Will's Coffee House (now The Marquess of Anglesey pub) in Covent Garden, using the subscription money to support their brother officers in times of need. This marked the beginning of the RNOC.

2014

1739

275 years later, our present-day Trustees hold regular benevolence meetings and continue to deliver the vital support to the Officer Family.

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Since the RNOC was founded, we've enjoyed a close association with one of Britain's oldest banks, Child & Co. Now under the umbrella of Holt's Military Banking, it still provides us with a service that's second to none. The bank generously hosted a 275th Anniversary dinner on 15 May, attended by guests from the major Royal Navy Charities and Associations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There is always more we can and want to do in support of the Royal Navy Officer Family.

By giving to the Royal Navy Officers' Charity, you can help us help those who need it most. If you'd like to be part of our life-changing work, you can make secure online donations through Virgin Money Giving, or by leaving us a legacy. For further information visit rnoc.org.uk

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