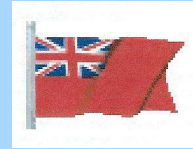




## Merchant Navy Association (Wales)



### *SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 2020*



The Coronavirus has taken its toll on our meetings and events since April 2020. As you are aware all our general meetings have been cancelled until further notice along with our

Remembrance Services in May and November 2020. However, as you can see from the

photograph above, some of us made it down to the Memorial on the 7th November to pay our respects and lay three wreaths. Not quite the Service we had planned but we appreciate Dave Richards carrying the Standard and Dave Kettlety and Tony Meade laying two of the wreaths. The third one was laid by Mr. Stanley Soffa who regularly attends



our Services and gives a reading from the Hebrew Bible. Also present were Mrs. Marilyn Kettlety and Keith Walker. Lets hope we can get back to normal next year and are able to hold our Remembrance Service on Saturday 22nd May 2021.



On the 8th November Tony attended the Service at the National Memorial in Cathays Park, Cardiff and laid a wreath on behalf of the Merchant Navy. The photograph shows him with



Brigadier Jock Fraser, Naval Regional Commander for Wales and West of England on the steps of Glamorgan House. At the same time I attended a Service at St. Mary's Church, Bute Street, Cardiff organised by Fr Dean who conducts our services down the Bay. I laid a wreath on behalf of MNA (Wales). Dave Richards, Dave Kettlety and I were invited to the Service at Llandaff Green on the 11th November where Dave Kettlety laid a wreath on behalf of MNA (Wales).

Our Barry shipmates attended events at the Barry Cenotaph on the 8th. November and at the Merchant Navy Memorial on the 11th. November. Joe Norton laid wreaths at both events. Not everyone in the photograph is a member of MNA (Wales) but all are members of the Merchant Navy family.



## MEMBERS WHO HAVE CROSSED THE BAR SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

### COMMODORE OLIVER J. T. LINDSAY

Our President and shipmate Commodore Oliver Lindsay Crossed the Bar at 0200 on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at the age of 95. Oliver was one of the founder members of the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) and our first Chairman in July 1995. He was appointed President of the Association in 2000 and was also President of the South Wales Branch of the Russian Convoy Club. In May 1941 Oliver sailed as an apprentice with the Reardon Smith Line of Cardiff. His ship, S.S. Botavon, was sunk en route to Murmansk on the 2nd May 1942. He was one of the survivors and was taken to a transit camp where he remained until July 1942. He was promoted to Second Mate in November 1944, First Mate in 1950, Master in 1962, and was appointed Commodore of the Reardon Smith Line in 1981. He completed a total of 54 years in the service of the British Maritime Industry.



### MR. RICHARD JAMES

Richard Crossed the Bar on 1st July 2020 at the age of 78. He served at sea for 37 years in the engineering department between September 1962 and October 1999 rising through the ranks to Chief Engineer. His first ship being S.S. Zenatia and his last U.K.D Dolphin. Besides being a member of the Barry Branch he was a very active member of the Royal British Legion in Penarth, and the Mayor of Penarth Cllr. Mark Wilson and the Penarth Town Council asked for the flags at the Council HQ at West House to be flown at half-mast in tribute to Richard in honour and respect of his devotion to the Legion and the community of Penarth.



I have also received late notification of the passing of Graham Leonard of Cardiff in February 2020 at the age of 84, and D.G. McLean of Caerwent, in April 2020.



*Happy New Year Shipmates.  
Best wishes and plain sailing to you  
and yours for 2021*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021**

### **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY WALES 2021**

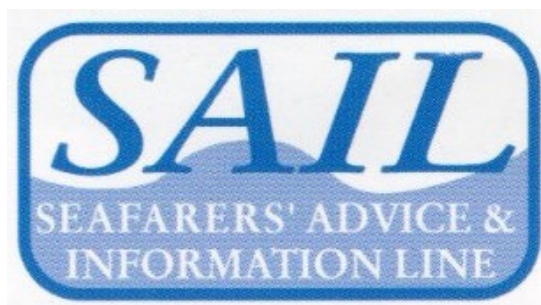
No invitations this year but a pre-recorded 'virtual' ceremony will be filmed for members of the public to view safely in their own homes on the Cardiff Council YouTube channel.

Broadcast from City Hall, Cardiff the multi – faith commemoration will be hosted by First Minister Mark Drakeford, Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of Cardiff Council and led by The Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk.

The commemoration will be available from 11:00am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at [www.youtube.com/cardiffcouncil](http://www.youtube.com/cardiffcouncil).

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