

# HMS RICHMOND

## Op LITTEN newsletter

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### Command Aim: “Disrupt Traffickers, Save Lives”

HMS RICHMOND has begun working with our European counterparts in the Mediterranean to tackle the migrant crisis. We have been tasked to save the lives of vulnerable people at sea whilst also disrupting the criminal gangs placing them in these dangerous situations. After several exercises to prepare the Ship's Company for the realities of rescue operations, we were able to put our training to good use and saved 102 lives from an overcrowded and unsafe vessel.

### Homecoming!

HMS RICHMOND is scheduled to come in December. If you are unsure as to the exact timings please contact your loved one onboard. If you wish to welcome the ship home, as well as watch a performance by the band of the Royal Marines and a flypast by 815 helicopter squadron, the gates at HMNB Portsmouth will be open to friends and families from 08:30. There will be a hog roast, tea, coffee and other drinks provided. Afterwards you will have the opportunity to tour the ship that has been our home for the last 9 months. We look forward to seeing you then!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

As many of you will have seen in the press, HMS RICHMOND has already been actively employed in the Mediterranean. The Ship's Company has risen admirably to the challenges placed before them, working tirelessly in testing circumstances.

With around a month left in the Mediterranean, our thoughts are naturally turning toward home after this lengthy deployment and the full programme for our homecoming will be sent out shortly.

As always I finish by reiterating my thanks to you all and highlighting the important RNRMW and JCCC contact numbers below:

- (Tel): 023 9272 8777
- (Email): [navypers-welfare@mod.uk](mailto:navypers-welfare@mod.uk)
- Northern Area: 01436 674 321
- Eastern Area: 023 9272 3875
- Western Area: 01752 555 220
- RM Stonehouse: 01752 836 395
  
- Joint Compassionate and Casualty Cell: 01452 51 99 51.

### Action Stations

Rescued migrants taking shelter in the hangar (left).

Meanwhile, the Ship's Company continue to keep their damage control skills well-honed ready for every eventuality (right).

