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QUEEN'S REVIEW OF NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVES

Her Majesty the Queen will be accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh when she reviews over 2,000 officers and ratings of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and its associated Reserves on the Horse Guards Parade on Saturday, 12th June. The occasion marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of the R.N.V.R.

The Queen will be met by the First Lord of the Admiralty (the Rt.Hon. J.P.L. Thomas, M.P.), the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff (Admiral of the Fleet Sir Rhoderick R. McGrigor, G.C.B., D.S.O.) and the First and Principal Naval Aide-de-Camp (Admiral Sir John H. Edelsten, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.B.E.) on arrival at the Horse Guards Courtyard after driving by way of the Mall, Admiralty Arch and Whitehall.

Officers to be presented before the Queen appears on the Parade Ground are Vice-Admiral A.K. Scott-Moncrieff, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (Admiral Commanding Reserves), Commodore G.A.R. Shillington, C.B., V.R.D., R.N.V.R. (the Senior Commodore, R.N.V.R., and Commanding Officer Ulster Division R.N.V.R.), Commodore F.T. Pollinger, V.R.D., D.L., A.D.C., R.N.V.R. (the R.N.V.R. Aide-de-Camp and Commanding Officer of the Severn Division R.N.V.R.), and Captain J.A. Creed, V.R.D., R.N.V.R. (the Parade Commander and Commanding Officer London Division R.N.V.R.).

After a Royal Salute, 96 aircraft of Air Divisions of the R.N.V.R. led by Commander R.I. Gilchrist, M.B.E., R.N.V.R. (Commanding Officer Northern Air Division) will fly past at 800 feet, passing over Admiralty Arch in the direction of Buckingham Palace. A brief service of dedication and remembrance will then be conducted by the Senior R.N.V.R. Chaplain, the Rev. H.P. Chappell, D.S.C., V.R.D., M.A., who is Vicar of Tynemouth.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will drive around the main parade, drawn up in five ranks before the dais.

Afterwards Commanding Officers of nine General Service and four Air Divisions of the R.N.V.R. will be presented to the Queen. Her Majesty will then meet ex-R.N.V.R. officers and men who joined the Reserve on its foundation fifty years ago, under the charge of Commodore the Earl Howe, P.C., C.B.E., V.R.D., R.N.V.R.

Her Majesty will address the parade.

The Review will culminate in the parade giving three cheers for Her Majesty and, after a final Royal Salute, marching past before dispersing to Wellington Barracks.

Admiralty, S.W.1.
2nd May, 1954