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**CONGRATULATIONS TO HMS SCOTIA**

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West tabled a Motion in the Scottish Parliament on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January congratulating the officers and ratings of H.M.S. Scotia, Rosyth on winning the coveted Richards Trophy. The Trophy is presented to the best Royal Naval Reserve unit in the UK and has never before been won by a Scottish unit. Mr. Tolson, a former member of the RNR and who was present at the prize giving, was particularly pleased that the unit, based in his constituency, had won this coveted award.

Jim Tolson commented “Having served in the Royal Naval Reserve for over six years in the 1990s, I know the hard work and dedication that many people put into trying to win the Richards Trophy. Having recently visited H.M.S. Scotia and spoken with Commander Nick Dorman, I was very impressed by the unit, the ratings and officers who have worked so hard to win this accolade and wish to offer my congratulations to them all on their achievement. “