

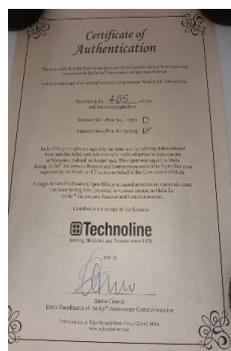
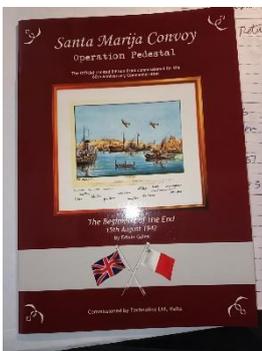
## **ARMED FORCES DAY** **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 | RAFFLE PRIZE**

**FRAMED PRINT OF ORIGINAL PAINTING BY THE LATE MALTESE ARTIST EDWIN GALEA OF THE SS OHIO ENTERING GRAND HARBOUR, FORMING PART OF THE FAMOUS CONVOY OPERATION PEDESTAL ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1942.** Kindly donated by local Military Historian Mr. Simon Cusens. All proceeds go towards the RBL Malta Poppy Appeal Fund.



Measuring 68 x 60cm and printed on Linen board or hammered high quality gauge acid free paper, print No 138 is a limited edition print run of only 700 of an original watercolour of the SS Ohio entering Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1942 by the late marine artist Edwin Galea. It was commissioned in 2002 by the Maltese Military historian Simon Cusens specifically for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Pedestal (otherwise known as the Santa Marija Convoy) Reunion of the survivors of the epic convoy that took place in Malta on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2002.



Forming an important event in Malta's involvement in World War II, this famous print comes with its own **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY** bearing No 138 along with a booklet describing the epic convoy, pictures and CVs of the named veterans who **hand** signed the print. It comes with **ORIGINAL HAND SIGNATURES** of 7 named Allied Operation Pedestal veterans, and those of one of the Italian E-boat commanders as well as one of the Luftwaffe airmen who attacked the convoy.

**A very unique piece of art forming part of the history of Malta and World War II.**

Raffle tickets will be available for €10.00 for 3 strips of 5 tickets per strip. Additional copies of this print will be available for sale on the night at the special price of €250.00. **Kindly contact Peter Gauci on 7978 7978 for more information.**