

# JEREMY RIGBY



RANK:COMMODORE

JOINED:1980

SPECIALISATION:LOGISTICS

PREVIOUS UNITS:HMS BULWARK, ILLUSTRIOUS

## **Military experience**

Jeremy Rigby is a Logistics Officer who joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman in 1980. After training at BRNC Dartmouth and at sea in the helicopter carrier HMS Bulwark and frigate HMS Cleopatra he was sponsored to study Scandinavian Languages at university in Hull and Sweden.

As a junior officer he served in patrol boats in Northern Ireland and Hong Kong and the destroyer HMS Exeter conducting NATO cold war operations in the North Atlantic. He then served as a Flag Lieutenant at NATO HQ Brussels before returning to sea with the Captain F6 in HMS Hemione, this included the first entry into Kuwait port following the liberation in 1991.

As a senior Lieutenant he was Supply Officer in HMS Cardiff conducting operations off Iran/Iraq and Bosnia, leaving as a Lieutenant Commander to join Fleet HQ Northwood as the Operational Logistics lead planner.

During this posting the Permanent Joint Headquarters was established and he also served with that HQ and the Joint Force Headquarters for operations in Rwanda, Congo and Sierra Leone and as an exchange Officer to the US Carrier Battle Group Staff embarked in the CVN USS Enterprise.

In 1996 he joined the Commander UK Task Group Battle Staff embarked in HMS Illustrious and HMS Invincible, during operations off Iraq and Kosovo.

Following attendance at the Advanced Staff and Command Course he was promoted to Commander in 2000 and served at RAF Strike Command HQ, the Maritime Warfare Centre, 102 Logistics Brigade and headed the J4 element of Joint Force Logistics Command planning and then deploying to conduct the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Joining HMS Bulwark in build as the Commander (Logistics) in 2005 he took her through commissioning and a 9 month counter insurgency/piracy deployment to Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, finally conducting major civilian evacuations from The Lebanon. He then joined the logistics staff at Fleet HQ, establishing the permanent RN FLS Cadre.

On promotion to Captain in 2007 he joined the Joint Supply Chain responsible for Supply Chain policy and planning the orderly return of UK forces from Iraq.

In 2009 he became Team Leader responsible for the acquisition, storage and delivery of the all the food and fuel to the UK military worldwide, in particular managing the supply chain to Helmand province in Afghanistan.

Appointed Captain of the Base, Portsmouth, in August 2011 he was promoted Commodore and appointed Naval Base Commander (Portsmouth) in autumn 2012.

He has an MA from Kings College, London, a certificate in Company Direction, is a qualified Programme & Project Manager, a Swedish Interpreter, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Cooks and an Honorary Freeman of the City of London.

He lives in Emsworth and interests include mountaineering, sailing and cooking