

## Lieutenant Colonel Innes Catton Royal Marines



Innes Catton joined the Royal Marines in September 2002 and realised a lifelong ambition to earn the coveted Green Beret. Since then, he has occupied a variety of operational and training roles, which have included deployments across the globe and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was selected for Operational RM Command in 2019.

After training he completed a variety of roles, which included both Cold Weather and Jungle specialist environmental training. In 2006 he was selected as one of the first Troop Commanders in Special Forces Support Group and delivered the first Maritime Counter Terrorism Troop. On promotion to Major he completed Initial Command and Staff Course (Land) and then joined 40 Commando RM as their Operations Officer for the RM Commandos' last operational tour of Afghanistan. On his return he took command of Alpha Company 'The Saints' and was subsequently selected as OC RM Initial Officer Training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines. Over this period, he completed two operational deployments in Iraq with SFSG and two operational deployments of Afghanistan in 3 Commando Brigade (HERRICK 9 & 17).

After promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he attended Advanced Command and Staff Course in 2015. On completion he was posted to the COMATG Maritime Battle Staff as their principal plans officer deploying on the Flagship HMS Bulwark and then HMS Ocean to take command of a United States operation in the Arabian Gulf. In early 2018 he joined Navy Commitments and was responsible for RN Task Group and multinational exercise planning including budgetary oversight.

Having been selected for Command of 45 Commando RM he is now eagerly anticipating the significant privilege of commanding the Lead Commando Unit alongside relishing the opportunity to develop the Future Commando Force in practice. Innes is married with three children and any spare time that exists beyond reacting to the whims of his children is spent supporting Chelsea FC.

