

**Lieutenant Colonel J M S Durup Royal Marines**  
**Commanding Officer Royal Marines Reserve City of London**



Lieutenant Colonel Jason Durup joined the Royal Marines Commandos in September 1998 after a brief spell working in the City of London following graduation from the University of Edinburgh. His initial tour of duty as a Troop Commander in the Commando Logistic Regiment included amphibious deployments to the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa, qualifying as a Jungle Warfare Instructor in Brunei and culminated in an operational tour in Kosovo. On return to the UK, in late 2000, he was appointed to the Landing Craft Officer Qualifying (LCOQ) Course at RM Poole. His first LCO appointment at RM Poole was short lived and he was re-appointed to HMS FEARLESS on completion of the Ship's Divers Course to conduct Maritime Interdiction Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

He returned to the Gulf on operations, in 2003, with 539 Assault Squadron as OC Raiding Troop. On completion of Op TELIC he was appointed to 45 Cdo RM as 2IC X-Ray Company and deployed to South Armagh, Northern Ireland before returning to RM Poole in 2004 as an Acting Major to take command of 10 Landing Craft Training Squadron. He attended Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Land) (ICSC(L)) on promotion in 2007 and was appointed as Operations Officer to, what is now, 30 Cdo Information Exploitation (IX) Group on completion. During this period, he undertook his first operational tour of Afghanistan alongside HQ 3 Commando Brigade. He completed his second tour as OC K Company, 42 Cdo RM only two years later. A short interlude in the ISTAR Capability Branch at MOD during the London Olympics in 2012 was immediately followed with a return to HQ 3 Cdo Bde as the principal Plans Officer.

On selection for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he was selected for two years of academic study. Initially, reading for a MPhil in International Relations and Politics as a Mountbatten Fellow at the University of Cambridge and subsequently at the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC) as a First Sea Lord's Fellow. On completion of his post-graduate studies, he was appointed as the Information Warfare Commander (IWC) to the Commander of the Amphibious Task Group (COMATG) and once again deployed to the Gulf. He assumed command of RMR City of London on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Married to Melanie, a financial advisor, he has two children; Frederic (11) and William (10) and when time permits enjoys the usual 'bootneck pursuits' of water sports, winter sports and rugby.

*"Light is the task where many share the toil"*