

# Commander Teilo Elliot-Smith Royal Navy HMS TAMAR



Teilo Elliot-Smith completed a Joint-Honours degree in Philosophy and Ancient History before joining the Royal Navy in 2000. His officer training was conducted in HMS CHATHAM (UK waters), HMS NOTTINGHAM (Asia Pacific) and in HMS MONMOUTH for operations following 9/11. After a complement assignment in HMS ATHERSTONE he sub-specialized as a Fighter Controller and completed two operational deployments in HMS MANCHESTER.

Two years were spent as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Commander of STRIKFORNATO, NATO's deployable maritime battlestaff during preparations for the ISAF Core Staff Element, the NATO Response Force and CTF 150.

Elliot-Smith then joined HMS PORTLAND as Principal Warfare Officer, in the South Atlantic, which expanded to counter-narcotics ops in the Eastern Pacific and capacity building in West Africa. He was entrusted as Senior Naval Officer for five months of the Ship's refit in Rosyth before leaving to qualify as Air Warfare Officer and join HMS DARING. This culminated in an extended ten-month global deployment (SIDEREAL), encompassing ballistic missile trial activity in the mid-Pacific and also Op PATWIN, the UK's humanitarian response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Ashore, Elliot-Smith has served as J5 Lead Plans Officer to COMATG for successive littoral strike deployments to the Med/Gulf and then served two years as the deputy fleet air warfare officer in Navy Command HQ.

He reported to HMS DEFENDER as Executive Officer in summer 2017 and saw the ship through a full force generation cycle, which led to a middle east Gulf deployment during heightened tensions in the aftermath of hijacking of UK shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and strikes on Saudi oil facilities.

Prior to promotion to Commander and assumption of command of HMS TAMAR, he was employed as a career manager to the Royal Navy's Fighter Controllers, Principal Warfare Officers and all Lieutenant Commanders employed in sea command assignments. He assumed command of HMS TAMAR in August 2021.

Married with a young family, the family home is near Emsworth.