

## Lieutenant Commander S Jones RN

### Senior Naval Officer & Senior Marine Engineer Officer

#### HMS Bulwark



Lieutenant Commander Stephen (Steve) Jones joined the Royal Navy in 1986 as an Artificer Apprentice and undertook his Marine Engineering apprenticeship at HMS SULTAN. Post his apprenticeship he has served on numerous Frigates, a deep ocean survey vessel and both Landing Platform Dock (LPD) vessels before returning to HMS BULWARK as the Senior Naval Officer in December 2019.

On completion of his apprenticeship in 1990 he served on HMS CORNWALL as a Leading Apprentice deploying to Scandinavia, the Middle East (Armilla Patrol) and the Far East. Upon leaving CORNWALL in 1994 as a Chief Petty Officer he moved in to Plymouth Dockyard working in HMS DEFIANCE maintaining the Fleet both locally and overseas, this period also included a six month tour of the Falkland Islands as the qualified diesel maintainer and Stores Keeper. He then returned back to sea as a section head completing several more Middle East deployments on HMS LONDON and then CUMBERLAND. Promoted to the Officer Corps in May 2001 he completed SEMC at HMS SULTAN followed by his first compliment appointment to HMS NORFOLK as the Deputy Marine Engineer Officer. Having successfully passed his Marine Charge Qualification he moved to RNAS CULDROSE to be closer to home and to take charge of airfield wide security as the Officer of the Watch. Feeling the need to go back to sea, a Lt Charge appointment was undertaken on HMS SCOTT as the Engineer Officer, managing both the ME & WE disciplines. During his time onboard both Northern & Southern Hemisphere deployments were conducted collecting deep ocean survey data. Shore time over his career has been spent in Abbey Wood maintaining Frigate availability, assuring the safe operation of the Hydrographic Flotilla as DSMEO(HM) in DEVFLOT and instructing Command and Control to the HQ1 teams on UK and NATO platforms during his time in FOST.

A change across to the world of amphibious operations and platforms was his next step, starting on the HMS ALBION docking project and subsequent deployments on both HMS ALBION and BULWARK in the Charge Lt role of the Assault Systems Engineer, here he was responsible for docking down the ship to enable the launch and recovery of Landing Craft. This experience then enabled a seamless transition to 1 Assault Group Royal Marines (1AGRM) where he was responsible for the engineering oversight of over 60 Royal Marines craft that were required in both the training and operational environment.

His family home is near Falmouth in Cornwall where any spare time after the allocated DIY tasks is spent either, walking the coastal path or big game fishing overseas.