



Captain Tim Neild Royal Navy



Born in Lancashire and educated at Ilkley Grammar School in West Yorkshire, Tim joined the Royal Navy in January 1991. After Junior Warfare Officer training, he read for a Degree in Maritime Defence, Technology and Management at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, Plymouth, graduating with honours in 1995.

His early years in the service were spent at sea as the Navigating Officer of a number of ships including the Minehunter HMS Cottessmore, the Dutch Frigate HNLMS Philips Van Almonde and the Type 22 frigate HMS Coventry. In 2001 he commanded the Patrol Vessel HMS Express and the Wales University Royal Naval Unit followed by an appointment to HQBF Cyprus in 2003, during Operation Telic, as the Commanding Officer of HMS Pursuer within the newly formed Royal Navy

Cyprus Squadron.

Promoted Lieutenant Commander in 2003, Tim qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer in 2004, specialising in Communications and Electronic Warfare. Subsequent appointments followed in HMS Illustrious, the Fleet Operations Division (N2), and on the Staff of Commander United Kingdom Maritime Force (COMUKMARFOR) during which he deployed with the Commander of Task Force 158 responsible for defending the Iraqi Oil Infrastructure in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

In 2009 he assumed command of the Minehunter HMS Quorn, undertaking a Trans-Atlantic deployment as part of the Standing NATO MCM Group 1 as well as mine hunting operations in home waters in support of National Interests. For his service in Quorn, he was awarded the Commander-in-Chief's Commendation in 2011.

Following Quorn, Tim was appointed as the Staff Operations Officer to the Commander of the Amphibious Task Group (COMATG). This period saw him deploy in HMS Albion, at the vanguard of the newly formed Responsive Force Task Group, planning and executing a wide range of contingency operations on both sides of the Suez Canal.

Upon promotion to Commander in 2011, a brief business secondment to the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, as a Project Manager, followed before returning to front line operations in May 2012 in Command of the Type 23 Frigate HMS Argyll. Eighteen months of exciting operations ensued in which Argyll completed a highly successful South Atlantic deployment spanning four continents, including a successful period of counter narcotics operations in the Pacific and Caribbean.

In 2013 he spent a year at Cranfield University undertaking their World Class MBA programme before returning to the Royal Navy Headquarters to take up a staff position in the Maritime Capability Division (MARCAP), setting the strategy and conducting the planning to efficiently develop, effective, agile and coherent maritime capability to meet the future needs of a world-class navy – most notably as the Programme Manager for the SDRS 15 directed, General Purpose Frigate.

Promoted to Captain in September 2016, he joined HMS Albion in March 2017.