

John joined the RN as a Supply Officer in 1986 and the RNR in 1988. He served as a Sub Lieutenant in the former HMS Graham before transferring to HMS Calliope in Newcastle.

In 1994, he joined the new RNR Logistics Branch and was appointed as the Specialist Training Officer within HMS Calliope. After taking part in a number of UK and NATO exercises, John was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander in 1997.

Since 1999 he has held a number of senior national roles within the Logistics Branch and commanded a Forward Logistics Site in Oman during 2001. He has also taken part in major national and international exercises serving in the UK, Netherlands and Germany. He was invited to take part in a number of NATO/COSUP training exercises as a member of the DISTAFF.

Mobilised in January 2003 he entered the Royal Navy for OP TELIC, serving as the Commander of the Forward Logistics Site in Kuwait and the North Gulf before relocating to Bahrain to manage the backload to the UK. He was demobilised in June 2003.

In 2006, he was appointed as the First Lieutenant of Ceres Division prior to completing the Senior Reserve Officers Defence Course. John was subsequently appointed as the Officer in Command of Ceres Division in March 2007.

Appointed as the Branch Manager (SO2) for the Logistics Branch in 2011, John was selected for promotion to Commander in 2012 and was appointed as SO1 of the Logistics Branch in March 2013. He was mobilised to serve as the Multinational Logistics Commander during BALTOPS 15 and deployed to Poland in command of a Multinational Logistics team.

John assumed command of the newly commissioned HMS Ceres on the 1st March 2016,

Educated in Bristol, Plymouth and Glasgow, he holds a Degree in Accountancy from Glasgow Caledonian University. He is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants, a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management and works as a Programme Manager in the private and public sector.

He is married with two teenage children and when possible, he enjoys walking with his family.