



CAPTAIN ROBERT G PEDRE ROYAL NAVY

Captain Robert Pedre was born in Taunton, Somerset and selected for Royal Navy university sponsorship in 1993, reading Physics at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine. After initial training at Britannia Royal Naval College, he completed fleet time in HMS Cattistock and HMS Newcastle. Following a brief exchange with the French École Navale in 1998, he was appointed as an Officer of the Watch in HMS Southampton, deploying to South America. As Navigating Officer of HMS Edinburgh, he again saw service in the South Atlantic and Eastern Pacific.

He assumed Command of the Mine Countermeasures Vessel HMS Cottessmore in 2003, tasked with counter-terrorist operations in the Irish Sea. After attendance on the Initial Command and Staff Course at Shrivenham, he completed training as a Principal Warfare Officer, specialising in Above Water Warfare. He was then appointed to HMS Northumberland and as Operations Officer conducted NATO's first counter-piracy deployment to the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden in 2007.

He joined the staff of Commander United Kingdom Carrier Strike Group in 2008 as the lead N5 Maritime Planner, embarking in the Fleet Flagship HMS Illustrious for the ORION deployment to the Indian Ocean. The following 2 years involved extensive liaison with the French, Turkish, Indian and United States Navies. This included a period seconded to the staff of Commander Carrier Strike Group 8 embarked in USS Dwight D Eisenhower conducting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Selected for promotion to Commander in 2009, he joined HMS Cumberland as the Executive Officer and Second in Command. This period included a 7 month operational deployment to the Middle East conducting oil platform protection, counter-piracy operations and significant engagement with regional partners. A particular highlight of this deployment was the successful evacuation of 454 personnel from Benghazi, Libya and the subsequent embargo operations under Operation Ellamy.

Captain Pedre assumed Command of HMS Richmond in 2012 and an immensely rewarding 27 months culminated in an operational deployment to the South Atlantic, Antarctic, Eastern Pacific and Caribbean Sea. This included high profile Defence Engagement visits to 5 continents and resulted in HMS Richmond receiving Commander British Forces South Atlantic Islands' Commendation for Distinguished Service. Thereafter, he joined the Directing Staff of the Joint Services Advanced Command and Staff Course in 2014 and undertook a Master of Arts degree in Defence Studies.

Captain Pedre assumed Command of HMS Ocean in August 2016.