



Doug Pennefather joined the Royal Marines in 2002.

Operational command experience includes maritime interdiction operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf, protection of the strategic deterrent in Faslane, and counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan, as well as partner development and capacity building tasks supporting broader Defence Engagement.

In staff appointments he has been responsible for strategic planning for contingent operations in the Ministry of Defence, and capability planning in both the Ministry of Defence and Navy Command. During the latter appointment he was instrumental in establishing the Littoral Strike and Future Commando Force Programme. He also served as Military Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff for Military Capability.

Doug has an MA in Defence Studies from King's College London and is a graduate of the Joint Services Command and Staff College. He is a Fellow of the Westminster Abbey Institute, through which he explores ethical and moral leadership in public service. Doug is a #HeForShe Naval Servicewomen's Network Ally, and he is an RN Compass Ally.

Doug assumed command of 42 Commando in September 2019. He is married to Lucy and they have a young son called Dex.