



### **COMMODORE JON PENTREATH OBE ROYAL NAVY**

Joining the Royal Navy in 1984, Commodore Jon Pentreath was selected to study for a degree in Systems and Management at the City University London. After graduating in 1988 he returned to sea navigating the Ton class minehunter HMS Brinton before being selected for pilot training and transferring to the Fleet Air Arm in 1990. He specialised as a commando aviation pilot flying the Sea King Mk4, seeing operational service in Bosnia under both the UN and NATO as well in Northern Ireland, with both 845 and 846 Squadrons.

In 1995 Cdre Pentreath qualified as a Lynx pilot and enjoyed 2 years with HMS Boxer as the Flight Commander, before returning to his Jungle roots as 845 Squadron's operations officer. After attending the Advanced Command and Staff Course at Bracknell in 1998, he became a staff officer in the nascent Joint Helicopter Command, splitting his time between the HQ at Wilton and PJHQ. In 2001 he returned to flying and commanded 845 NAS during a particularly hectic period of almost continuous operational service, which included Operations ORACLE, VERITAS and TELIC. In Op TELIC he was the UK's Air Mission Commander for 3 Cdo Bde's assault on the Al Faw peninsula; his service was recognised with the award of the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the TELIC Honours List. Two staff appointments in the MoD Central Staff followed, firstly in the Directorate of Joint Capability with responsibility for tri-Service Rotary Wing issues, and latterly in the Directorate of Defence Resources and Plans where he worked closely with the Treasury on the cost of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. After 18 months as the Commander Air of HMS Ocean he was promoted to Captain in 2008 and commanded the Commando Helicopter Force, based at RNAS Yeovilton but operating around the globe with a particular focus in Afghanistan as well as regenerating the amphibious capability. He was awarded the OBE in the 2012 New Year Honours List, serving briefly as the Assistant Head Operational Capability within the MOD before promotion to Commodore in July 2012 and being appointed as the JHC's Capability Director, with responsibility for the UK's Air Manoeuvre capability development. He takes command of RNAS Yeovilton after enjoying a year studying at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London.

Married to Laura and with 4 children, he enjoys all sports but in particular skiing (Chairman of RN Winter Sports Association) and sailing (RYA Yachtmaster Offshore).