

Commanding Officer Commando Logistic Regiment - Lt Col Rob Jones Royal Marines

Commissioned into the Royal Marines in September 2001, much of his career has had an operational focus. His initial troop command in Kilo Company, 42 Commando Royal Marines saw him deploy to Iraq on Operation TELIC 1; his second assignment saw him command an up-country team with the International Military Advisory Training Team in Sierra Leone; and his third saw him deploy on Operations TELIC 6 and 7 as AdC to CGRM during his command of Multi-National Division South East in Basrah. After his anti-tank course, he assumed command of Manoeuvre Support Group, 42 Commando Royal Marines, before completing the Arctic and Cold Weather Warfare Course in Norway, a high-altitude mountain training package in the Himalayas and then deploying to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK 5 as second in command of the Information, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Group.

Promoting to Major in 2010, he completed the Intermediate Command and Staff Course at Shrivenham before supporting CGRM on the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) Strategy Team. He then moved to Commando Logistic Regiment as the Operations Officer; a role which included a deployment on Operation COUGAR 11 as Officer Commanding the Logistic Task Group. He then commanded Zulu Company, 45 Commando, including an operational tour as a Team Commander on a training mission to Somaliland under command of the Joint Counter-Terrorist Training and Advisory Team, before moving to COMUKAMPHIBFOR as SO2 J5 Plans. This latter role also included 12 months as the Naval Service lead on the Women in Ground Close Combat Review and support to CGRM on the 2015 SDSR Engagement Team.

Promoting to Lieutenant Colonel in 2017, after completing the Advanced Command and Staff Course at Shrivenham he was assigned as the Corps Drafting Officer, responsible for the Career Management of all Royal Marine non-commissioned ranks, before being selected as Deputy Chief of Staff to 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines in 2018.

His qualifications include a BA with Honours in History from the University of Bristol (2001) and a MA with Distinction in Defence Studies from King's College, London (2017). He is also a graduate of the Joint Services Advanced Command and Staff Course.

Rob assumed command of Commando Logistic Regiment Royal Marines in July 2020. He is married to Cassie and they have two children, Isabelle and Oliver. He is the Vice Commodore of the Royal Marines Sailing Club, a keen dinghy sailor, and enjoys running on the Moor, fly fishing and exercising his mad Spaniel when time permits!