

## **Lieutenant A J Sinclair Royal Navy**



### **Senior Naval Officer HMS BULWARK**

Born in Southampton Andrew James Sinclair joined the Service in 2000 as a Weapon Engineering Artificer, achieving early selection to Warrant Officer before successfully commissioning as an Engineering Officer in 2016. He is currently the Senior Naval Officer in HMS BULWARK.

During his initial career he was streamed as a Weapons Data specialist, undertaking appointments in HMS SUTHERLAND and HMS PORTLAND as the Sea-Wolf Point Defence Missile System maintainer. He achieved success with First of Class missile firings that led to attainment of the Royal Navy's annual Sea-Wolf trophy. Thereafter he joined DE&S as a Naval Applicator leading equipment support to the Sea-Wolf community and developing minor trials to resolve equipment obsolescence issues. He returned to sea as the Weapons Group Head in HMS MONTROSE and delivered the high profile high seas firing of the Harpoon Anti-Ship missile, the first of its kind in 9 years.

Commissioned in 2016, he completed the WE System Engineer course top of his class returning to HMS PORTLAND to complete his professional training as a AWEO. In 2017 he was extracted early from the final phase of training to join HMS ALBION as the Deputy Weapon Engineering Officer and drive through the regeneration of both the WE Combat System and vast Explosives organisations. Highlights included delivering his sub-department ready for fleet date and leading the First of Class sea trials for the Phalanx 1B Close-in Weapon System. His short notice management of the inaugural LPD Operational Command and Confidence Check at the NATO FORACS (Crete) ensured that the UK's flagship was deployable for contingent tasking to the Middle East and the Asia Pacific operating areas. His time culminated in Ex Saif Sareea where his oversight of the C2 and material support to 3 Cdo contributed to the successful amphibious elements to UK Defences' main effort for 2018.

He joined HMS BULWARK in 2019 as the WE Head of Department and in short order was elevated to the Senior Naval Officer, responsible for delivering Care and Protection within an innovative and efficient, 5 year Fleet-time upkeep period known as the Optimised Support Programme.

Andrew lives in Plymouth with his long term partner and their young daughter. He remains an avid golfer and when time permits, enjoys skiing, cooking and DIY.