

Commander Chris Webb RNR

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Commander Chris Webb was educated in North Kent before joining the Merchant Navy as an Engineer Officer Cadet with Shaw Saville Ltd. After being made redundant from the company in 1981, he read Mechanical Engineering at what is now known as The University of Greenwich.

During this course, Chris joined the RAF as a university cadet and on graduation attended the Royal Air Force College Cranwell completing Engineer Officer training.

In his RAF career he was appointed to a number of tours, including first line engineering on Phantom and Harrier aircraft, EOD operations and armament staff appointments. His final post was within the Defence Logistics Organisation as Head of Branch for air to ground weapons in the rank of Wing Commander.

On leaving the RAF in 2002, Chris joined the Royal Naval Reserve at HMS King Alfred in the rank of Lieutenant Commander and was appointed to the Logistics Specialisation, undertaking numerous logistic appointments, including the Forward Logistics Site Commander at the commemorative events to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

In 2003 he was appointed as Unit Specialisation Training Officer for the Logistics Specialisation, before moving to the position of Unit Training Officer (Initial Training) later that year.

Two years later, in 1985, he was appointed as First Lieutenant and the Wardroom Mess President at HMS King Alfred.

Chris was deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 on Operation Herrick as the air coordinator for Regional Command South. This position involved the tasking of routine and medical emergency rotary and fixed wing aircraft flights. He was also deployed to the crash site of Nimrod XV230, where he conducted preliminary work to assist the Board of Inquiry. On return from Afghanistan, he continued as First Lieutenant at the RNR unit before assuming the role as the first Executive Officer when this post was transferred from the regular Royal Navy to a Reserve Officer. He continued in this role for a short time after being promoted to Commander in 2008.

From 2009 Chris served as the RNR's Chief of Staff for Eastern England before undertaking a national Staff, (SO1) appointment in the Logistics Branch in 2011. This was followed by a Staff appointment in 2013 with responsibilities for Media Operations and Information Operations specialisations. He was appointed in command of HMS King Alfred in April 2016.

In Chris' civilian life, he is the technical director of an engineering company in Portsmouth. A keen motorcyclist, he owns a number of bikes, although has now 'retired' from racing on the track. Other interests include rugby, where he is a qualified referee. He enjoys watching both his son and daughter playing at a far higher level than he achieved!