

**COMMANDER GREG YOUNG VR RNR
COMMANDING OFFICER HMS PRESIDENT**



Commander Greg Young was appointed to Command HMS PRESIDENT in October 2020.

Greg first joined the Royal Navy Reserve (RNR) in 1993 as a Midshipman at London University Royal Naval Unit while studying Geography at Kings College London. He spent 3 very enjoyable years driving P2000's around the coasts of the UK and Northern Europe before passing his Admiralty Interview Board and transferring to HMS PRESIDENT in 1997 as a Sub Lt. On completion of his Initial Officer Training, he joined the Mine Warfare (MW) Specialisation and served in several Mine Counter Measure Vessels before being promoted Lt in 2004. For several years he was the Exercise Director for the Crowborough Challenge RNR Leadership Exercise.

Following an enjoyable time conducting Officer of the Watch duties in the MW Specialisation, he then transferred to the Media Operations Specialisation (MOS) in 2005 where he has spent the rest of his RNR career to date. During his time in the MOS, he has spent time working at the Ministry of Defence and supported numerous National and NATO Exercises including time in Norway, Spain, Italy and the Falkland Islands and provided media expertise to Flag Officer Sea Training in Plymouth. In 2008 Greg was appointed as HMS ENDURANCE's Media Advisor on her South and West Africa deployment.

On promotion to Lt Cdr in 2009, he was appointed to the Management Board of HMS PRESIDENT in the role of Unit Training Officer (Initial). On completion of the Advanced Staff Course in 2014 where he finished top of the Maritime Reserves Division, he assumed the role of Unit Training Officer overseeing both Initial and Specialisation Training in addition to CLM and led the restructuring of the training department to best meet the challenges required by the Future Reserves 20 study.

Promoted to Commander in 2016, Greg was appointed to Command HMS Wildfire at Northwood HQ. He was mobilised in an HQ role for Op RESCRIPT during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Selected for further Unit Command he returned to HMS PRESIDENT as Commanding Officer in October 2020.

Originally from Sutton Coldfield, after several years working overseas Greg moved to London to read Geography at Kings College. He runs his own Travel Marketing Company and travels extensively in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, visiting in excess of 100 countries. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Institute of Travel and Tourism.

Married to Jo a fellow RNR Media Officer they live with their 2 very energetic and well-travelled young children in Surrey. Greg is a keen skier, and with the RNR has climbed Kilimanjaro, rowed the Panama Canal and completed the Marathon des Sables in the Moroccan Sahara.