

**COMMODORE MARK ADAMS ADC BEng MA CEng FIMarEST ROYAL NAVY
NAVAL BASE COMMANDER (CLYDE)**



Born in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, Commodore (Cdre) Mark Adams joined Britannia Royal Naval College in January 1987 having completed a Mechanical Engineering degree at Leeds University. Following submarine and nuclear training, Cdre Adams joined HMS SPARTAN at the then Clyde Submarine Base as Assistant Marine Engineer Officer. He spent 3 years on board before, in 1993, beginning his first shore role in MoD Foxhill (Bath) as the Design Authority for submarine air purification equipment.

In late 1996 Cdre Adams returned to the Clyde to join HMS SPLENDID as Deputy Marine Engineer Officer, the first of 3 assignments to the submarine. This appointment was heavily influenced by the submarine being the first in the Royal Navy to receive the Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) System that required 2 years of trials, a Capability Update Period in Rosyth and live firings of the weapon off the coast of San Diego, USA.

A shore assignment followed on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines (FOSM) as the policy lead for Marine Engineering training and personnel. Shortly after joining, Cdre Adams returned to HMS SPLENDID for a short period as Marine Engineer Officer when the submarine participated in NATO led action during the Kosovo crisis in March 1999. Cdre Adams returned to Northwood mid-way through the submarine's patrol to complete his 2 year assignment. In November 2000 he left FOSM staff for his final appointment in HMS SPLENDID, again as Marine Engineer Officer.

Promoted to Commander in 2002, Cdre Adams undertook Advanced Command Staff Course (ACSC) 6 and on completion he joined the In-Service Submarine Integrated Project Team in MoD Abbeywood (Bristol) as Design Authority for Ship Systems. His next role would take him to MoD Main Building where, as part of the Directorate of Equipment Capability, he was the desk officer responsible for nuclear propulsion and submarine marine engineering requirements. In early 2009 he returned to Abbeywood as Technical Manager for the Next Generation Nuclear Propulsion Plant (NGNPP) project, part of the Nuclear Propulsion Team.

Promoted Captain in January 2010 Cdre Adams assumed the role of Captain Base Safety in HM Naval Base Devonport for 18 months, prior to returning to the Nuclear Propulsion Team as the Technical Director where, until May 2014, he was responsible for technical approval of the in-service submarine reactor plant; a period characterised by a number of challenging technical issues. From May 2014 until his promotion Cdre Adams was the Submarine Programme Director in the In-Service Submarines Project Team.

On promotion to Commodore, he was appointed as Naval Base Commander (Clyde) in October 2014.

Commodore Adams is married to Kerrie, a retired RAF Wing Commander, and they have 2 sons George and Henry. The family enjoy most sports and outdoor pursuits and they have a family home in Gloucestershire.