

PERSONAL NEWS

Rear Admiral A M Hussain BSc, MSc, CEng, MIET, FRSA was promoted Rear Admiral in August 2006, ahead of taking up his appointment as Director General Logistics (Fleet), a post that includes membership of the Navy Board.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1976 whilst in his first term at Durham University. He has sought variety in his subsequent career. Sea jobs have ranged from inspecting fishing catches in the North Sea to being the Weapon Engineer Officer of an aircraft carrier in the Gulf, from the demands of seeing a tired ship through her last commission to those of getting a brand new first of class vessel ready for operations. Postings ashore have included: training junior officers: the procurement of one missile system that was alter cancelled and the sea trials of another one that remains in service; and, in Whitehall, a strategy and finance post focussed on reducing the cost of naval support at the end of the cold war.

As a Captain, he set up and led the first MoD Integrated Project Team that undertook activities across the whole equipment life cycle, with its business split equally between the Defence Logistics Organisation and Defence Procurement Agency. He then joined the Equipment Capability Customer organisation at its inception in another strategy and finance role, but this time looking across the service boundaries.

He was the Naval Base Commander Portsmouth for 3½ years from mid 2002. His time there spanned: logistic support for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; a novel partnering initiative with industry; Operational Command of the 1300 Royal Naval fire-fighters providing emergency strike cover in London and the South; and the celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

**Commander Graeme Little OBE BEng, MSc MCGI, Royal Navy
Commander Marine Engineering, HMS Illustrious.**

Graeme Little joined the Royal Navy as a Marine Engineer Officer in 1984, following a conventional initial training route, which included a first degree at RNEC Manadon; he counts himself fortunate to have been the product of the penultimate steam training course. His early training culminated in his appointment in 1990 to HMS BIRMINGHAM as Deputy Marine Engineer Officer. Following award of his MCQ, and a brief sojourn as 1st Lieutenant Whale Island, he read for an MSc in Electrical Engineering at RNEC Manadon, joining DGFS(ES) as the lead for Electric Propulsion in 1994. In 1997 he joined HMS SUTHERLAND in build as the first Marine Engineer Officer, staying with the Ship until the end of its first Operational Deployment.

Following selection for promotion to Commander in 1999 he attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course and he joined the Warship Support Agency as head of Electrical Systems in 2000 where he was closely involved with the introduction of the Electric Ship concept. In 2002 he was appointed to the Equipment Capability Customer with responsibility for Marine Engineering, Survivability and Maritime Operational Clothing. Latterly he undertook the

Maritime Coherence Study and was EA to the Chief Naval Engineer Officer. He joined HMS ILLUSTRIOUS as the Commander Marine Engineering in October 2005 and was honoured with an OBE in the 2005 New Year Honours. He was selected for promotion to Captain in 2006.

Married to Helen, they live with their son James (7) in Bradford on Avon. Graeme is a gainful amateur in a range of outdoor pursuits and sports, but his spare time is increasingly bought up by his family and school governor commitments.