

PERSONAL NEWS

REAR ADMIRAL Peter J. KIDNER, BSC, CENG was promoted Rear Admiral when he became the Chief Executive of the Defence Medical Training Agency in April 2002.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1967 and after training appointments in HMS *Eastbourne*, *Fearless*, *Shoulton* and the USS *Mississinewa* he joined the RNEC *Manadon* to read for a degree in mechanical engineering. He qualified as an air engineer in 1973 on 707 NAS WESSEX 5s. After a year with 849HQ Naval Air Squadron at RAF *Lossiemouth*, he became the air engineer officer of 849 B Flight, operating the GANNET AEW3s in HMS *Ark Royal*.

After two years of training artificers at HMS *Fisgard*, he joined the SEA HARRIER Intensive Flying Trials Unit on formation and, in due course, 899 NAS. Completing the Army Staff Course in 1981, he then served on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Air Command. This was followed by an appointment to DGA(N)'s future projects section in the MoD where he was primarily concerned with the MERLIN helicopter before joining the Aircraft Support Project Team.

Promoted Commander in 1986, he spent two years on the directing staff of the RN Staff Course at the RNC *Greenwich*, before joining the Aircraft Support Executive, on formation, in 1989. In 1990 he joined the Naval Secretary's department as the Air Engineer Appointer. Promoted Captain in 1993, he remained with the Naval Secretary to complete a study prior to joining the Defence Helicopter Support Authority, in June 1995. After some two years responsible for SEA KING and MERLIN helicopters he was, in August 1997, selected as Commodore for the post of Director Helicopter Support, responsible for the support of all military helicopters.

He then returned to the training environment in May 2000 as the Commodore of HMS *Sultan* which, was by then the principle training establishment for all air and marine engineers. Promoted Rear Admiral he has moved down the road to Fort Blockhouse charged with vesting the new Defence Medical Education and Training Agency

COMMODORE D.A. HALL, BSC, MSC, CENG, FIMARE, FIMGT, was placed on the Retired List in March 2002.

David HALL was born in Yorkshire in 1945 and joined the Royal Navy in 1964. On leaving the BRNC *Dartmouth*, he served in the Antarctic in the Ice Patrol Ship HMS *Protector* and nearer home in the submarine HMS *Artemis*. He gained an external London University Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the RNEC *Manadon* before qualifying as a nuclear submarine specialist at the RNC *Greenwich* and ARTE Dounreay.

An appointment to HMS *Resolution* was followed by a 'pierhead jump' to HMS *Valiant* and the promised 6 months appointment stretched to almost 4 years. A return to the RNEC for the Advanced Marine Engineering course then preceded an appointment to the Procurement Executive in Bath as the Desk Officer responsible for day-to-day problems in submarine reactor plant which was followed by an early appointment to HMS *Conqueror* as MEO in 1979. After seeing service in the Falklands campaign, he was promoted to Commander in June 1982 and returned to the Procurement Executive to head the design team for the propulsion plant of the proposed new-generation submarine – now more-or-less the ASTUTE class.

Tiring of life behind a desk, he sold his submariner's birthright in 1986 and returned to sea as Commander (E) of HMS *Intrepid* and the Staff MEO to COMAW, a period he describes as one of the happiest of his career. In 1988 he joined Director General Ship Refitting in Bath where, amongst other things, he was responsible for the planning of HMS *Trafalgar's* first refit. Following the postponement of this project he held several further posts including Project Contract Manager for HMS *Splendid's* refit and Devonport Submarine Projects Manager. Promoted to Captain in 1991 he spent his final months in DGSR as a member of the study team looking into the future of the Royal Dockyards.

He was appointed as Chief Staff Officer (Nuclear) to Flag Officer Plymouth in March 1992. From April 1994, he held dual appointments as Chief Staff Officer (Support) to Flag Officer Plymouth and Captain Base Safety on the Staff of the Naval Base Commander Devonport before being appointed as Superintendent Ships (Rosyth) in May 1995. Promoted to Commodore on 30 March 1998, he took up post as Superintendent Ships (Devonport) on 2 April 1998, uniquely the only person to have held two SupShips appointments.

Following the merger of the Superintendent Ships Organisation with Captain Fleet Maintenance, he assumed responsibilities for both Fleet Time Engineering and Upkeep Support in Devonport as Superintendent Fleet Maintenance with effect from 19 February 2001.

He leaves after 38 years very happy service. Married, without children he lives with his wife on the edge of Bodmin Moor in Cornwall. He relinquishes his post as Chairman of Devonport Services RFC on retirement but intends to maintain close links with the club.

COMMODORE T.W. HARE, BSC, CENG, MIEE, RN was placed on the Retired List in April 2002.

Tim HARE was brought up in London, educated at Westminster School and joined the Royal Navy in 1965 at the age of 18. After training in HMS *Eastbourne*, and service as a Midshipman in HM SHIPS *Corunna* and *Cambrian*, he obtained a degree in Electrical Engineering at the Royal Naval Engineering College *Manadon*.

He joined the submarine service in 1970 and served as the Weapons Engineer Officer in HMS *Osiris* until 1974 when he joined the staff of the Director General Weapons with responsibilities for submarine weapon system procurement issues. He joined the POLARIS programme in 1976 with appointments in the Procurement Executive and as the Weapons System Officer in HMS *Resolution* from 1981 to 1983. After two years in the Submarine Tactics and Weapons group, he was promoted Commander in 1985 and appointed as Trials Acceptance Manager for the SPEARFISH and STINGRAY torpedo projects. Both latter appointments involved a series of deployments to the U.S. AUTEC range in the Bahamas.

He re-joined Strategic Systems in 1987 as the Navigation Equipment Manager in the TRIDENT programme and then attended the Joint Services Defence College at Greenwich, graduating in 1990. This was followed by two appointments in the MOD, London – as a desk officer in the Directorate of Naval Warfare, responsible for Strategic Systems Operational Policy and Effectiveness, followed by a year in the Directorate of Navy Plans presenting the Support element of the Navy programme.

He was promoted Captain in 1993 and served in the Procurement Executive for three years as the Project Manager for the TRIDENT Submarine Tactical Weapons System. He then joined the Naval Support Command as an Assistant Director in the Communications and Information Systems divisions responsible for the replacement logistic information system for the Royal Navy. He took up his final appointment as Director Nuclear Policy in the MoD London in the rank of Commodore in March 1999. There he was responsible for the development and promotion, at home and abroad, of the UK nuclear deterrence policy and provision of advice on the US missile defence initiative.

Married to Sarah, a museum administrator, he has two sons and lives in rural Somerset, near Glastonbury. Interests include music, theatre, hill walking and field sports. He is a keen follower of rugby (Bath), soccer (Fulham) and cricket.

COMMODORE R.C. PELLY, MA, MSC, CENG, MIMECHE, FIMAREST, MINSTD, RN was placed on the Retired List in July 2002

Richard PELLY joined the Royal Navy 30 years before he became the Senior Military Officer of the DERA in September 1999, an appointment that transformed into Director Military Evaluation, Research and Technology during the DERA Public Private Partnership process. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge in 1972 and in 1978 obtained an MSc in Marine Engineering, publishing a paper on Transient Modal Analysis.

He has served 8 years at sea, which included being the Marine Engineer Officer of HMS *Brazen* and later HMS *Invincible*, 1990-92. In between sea appointments he has been:

- Director of Post Graduate Studies at the RNEC *Manadon*.
- Head of Machinery Controls and Surveillance development at ARE West Drayton,
- Part of the Womens Sea Service Implementation Team.

- The Navy Captain in the Centre for Defence Analysis at West Byfleet.
- The Director of Base Support in the Naval Bases and Supply Agency.

The latter included responsibility for all the MoD's Marine Support Services. He has also contributed several articles to the *Journal of Naval Engineering* about Machinery Control and Surveillance.

In 1988 he spent four months in Tibet on the British Services Everest Expedition. Among other things he is the non-Executive Director of a small company and the only RN Engineer ever to be a Younger Brother of Trinity House. He has just completed a stint of nine years as Chairman of Navy Squash.

He lives in Sunningdale with his wife, Fleur, their two adult daughters and young son and having retired from the Royal Navy is working on his golf handicap while looking for a new career.

COMMODORE P.C. SANDERSON, MSC, CENG, MIEE, RN was placed on the Retired List in April 2002.

In a career spanning over 33 years. Peter SANDERSON had an exciting and interesting mix of appointments. Having joined in 1968 as a Seaman Officer, he soon saw the light and over the next 8 years completed a degree at *Manadon*, WE and nuclear training, including the NAC, and transferred through the WE and WESM sub specs before eventually becoming a MESM. In his early career, sea appointments in *Revenge*, *Spartan* and *Courageous* were complemented by shore jobs in *Defiance* and *Vulcan* NRTE.

After promotion to Commander he served in the nuclear design section in the PE and the NAVSEC Officer Policy Section from which he was promoted to Captain. Another job in the PE/DGME was followed by the challenge of establishing the Directorate of Safety and Quality at the Clyde Naval Base. To recover from this, a spell as a Board President at the AIB was quickly followed by 19 months in Gibraltar as the CO RN Gib and Chief Staff Officer (Support). His final Appointment was at *Northwood* as the ACOS (Personnel and Support) to CINCFLEET where he helped to design the new Fleet HQ structure. He now intends to take a short break to rebuild his house in Devon, lounge about on his boat and fly fish.