

Rear Admiral Bruce Williams CBE BSc CCMI



Rear Admiral Bruce Williams CBE BSc CCMI was commissioned into the Royal Navy in 1980. An early career was dominated by service in anti-submarine warfare frigates and the Cold War. Horizons broadened rapidly following the Royal Navy Staff Course in 1992, with a diplomatic posting to Singapore followed by appointment to the inaugural team of the Permanent Joint Headquarters at Northwood.

Command followed; HMS Norfolk in 1999 and HMS Campbeltown in 2002. The former's operational exploits included Freetown, Sierra Leone in 1999, and the Adriatic (Kosovo) later that year. The latter command included operations in the eastern Mediterranean as flagship to NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic, and the Gulf and

Indian Ocean as part of coalition task forces focused on counter-terrorism and piracy.

Between these appointments, Rear Admiral Williams served both in the Policy and Commitments areas of the MOD, during which he became Current Commitments Team Leader for the UK response post-911.

On promotion to Commodore (1*) in 2005, the next four years were spent in command of coalition task forces (CTF 58, southern Iraq and northern Gulf, and CTF 150, Indian Ocean and Horn of Africa), and as Commander UK Task Group. Rear Admiral Williams then took up the position of Deputy Commandant of the Joint Services Command and Staff College (JSCSC).

Promoted to Rear Admiral (2*) in 2009, Rear Admiral Williams first served as Chief of Staff to HQ Allied Maritime Command Naples, followed by Deputy Director General of the European Union Military Staff in Brussels, retiring from the Royal Navy in 2015. In the course of his career, he was awarded a QCVS (2000), OBE (2002), and CBE (2008). He was also presented with the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for humanitarian operations in Sierra Leone.

Rear Admiral Williams is currently a non-executive director of the Military Mutual. He is also a director of Ubique Ltd and Vice President of the Combined Cadet Force

Association, as well as providing maritime expert advice in support of international legal claims and mentoring to the Higher Command and Staff Course (HCSC) at the JSCSC. Rear Admiral Williams lives in Devon and is a Younger Brother of Trinity House, Companion of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, a research group of the Defence Studies Department, King's College London.