



Vice Admiral Peter Hudson CBE

**Commander
Allied Maritime Command**

Peter Hudson joined the UK's Royal Navy in 1980 and after a series of watchkeeping appointments he completed warfare training in 1988 during which he specialised as a Navigator.

In 1994 he took command of HMS COTTESMORE conducting MCM and Fishery Protection duties around the UK. Following promotion he commanded the Type 23 Frigate, HMS NORFOLK, which included a 7-month deployment to the Falkland Islands. On relinquishing command in 1998 he served in the Naval HQ as the Fleet Operations Officer.

Promoted Captain in 2000 he remained in Navy HQ leading a restructuring project before in July 2002 joining the 19,000 ton Amphibious Assault Ship HMS ALBION whilst she was under construction in Barrow. The ship was commissioned into the RN in early 2003 and as her first Commanding Officer he led her through a testing first of class trials programme and into full operational service in April 2004. He was appointed CBE in 2005.

After promotion to Commodore, he briefly led the Fleet Personnel division before moving to MoD as the Director of Naval Resources and Plans in 2005. Thereafter, in 2008, he returned to sea as the Commander of the Amphibious Task Group (COMATG) during which he commanded a maritime Coalition Task Force in the Gulf for 5 months and then led a major RN deployment to the Far East from his Flagship HMS BULWARK.

On promotion to Rear Admiral in June 2009, he was appointed as Commander UK Maritime Forces (COMUKMARFOR), the UK's contingent Maritime Component Commander. During this appointment he served as the Operational Commander of the EU Naval Force for Counter Piracy and Humanitarian operations off Somalia; a position he held for 1 year followed by service as NATO's High Readiness Maritime Force Commander. He became ACNS (Capability) in the UK's Navy Command Headquarters in February 2011. He was promoted to Vice Admiral in February 2013 upon assuming Command of the NATO Maritime Command at Northwood.

He lives in Chichester with his wife Linda, a local doctor, and their two sons Hugh (98) and Jamie (01). A Freeman of the City of London and a Younger Brother of Trinity House, his spare time is dedicated to family activities although he occasionally finds space for a little cricket (he is the President of RN Cricket), hill walking and sailing.