

**COMMANDER  
GRAEME  
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CQP MCQI RNR**

**Commanding  
Officer  
HMS CALLIOPE**



Graeme Deighton was born in Seaham Harbour in 1967, within the East Durham coal mining communities. He was educated at the Open University during his post Royal Navy career, studying a Masters Degree in Manufacturing Engineering whilst working for Nissan in the UK and in Japan. He joined the Royal Navy in 1984 as a Junior Air Engineering Mechanic.

Following engineering training at HMS DAEDALUS, Graeme joined the 'Jungly' Commando Helicopter Force (CHF) circuit, serving on 707 and front line 845 Naval Air Squadrons. Undertaking various Op tours to the North Atlantic, Norway, and Western Europe as well as deploying into HMS ARK ROYAL.

A draft into HMS INVINCIBLE in 1989 as a member of the Air Engineering Department, saw Graeme operating at the front line towards the end of the Cold War in the Arctic, European and Atlantic waters. This involved working up with various NATO Task Groups on both sides of the Atlantic. Prior to leaving the RN in the mid 90's he returned to RNAS Yeovilton and was promoted to Leading Hand whilst working within the Aircraft Maintenance Group. Maintaining Sea Harrier and Sea King Mk 4 aircraft.

Graeme Joined the Maritime Reserves at HMS Calliope in 2001 as a Logistics Rating. Awarded the Calliope Best Junior Rate in 2002 before passing AIB in 2003 to embark on his Junior Officer Training. Sea time saw Graeme serve in HMS SUTHERLAND before passing Fleet Board and then joining the Amphibious Warfare Specialisation.

Amphibious Operations took Graeme into HM ships OCEAN and ARK ROYAL as well as RFA MOUNTS BAY. Working as part of NATO Task Groups in the Eastern Mediterranean. Including working with US Marine forces on joint Amphibious Exercises off the east coast of the United States.

He was promoted to A/Lt Cdr in 2009 where he accepted the appointment as SO2 for the RNR CLM team. In 2012 he moved over to the RNR Initial Naval Training team as SO2 INT and part of the team for the creation of the CMS compliant INT project. He was awarded a Flag Officer Commendation for his part as project lead for the design, development and implementation of the Officer and Ratings INT weekend and Confirmation Courses.

Responsible for the design and management of the RNR's Phase 1 training OFSTED system, he successfully steered the first OFSTED Inspection of all three reserve forces to a GOOD pass. He graduated from Advanced Command Staff Course (MR) in 2016 before being promoted into the Acting Higher Rank of SO1 to assume command of the Amphibious Warfare Specialisation in 2017. Success at the 2018 SO1 Promotion Board in 2018 saw him pooled and assumed the Command of his parent unit CALLIOPE in Sept 18.

In civilian life, Graeme works for the British Standards Institution as an Operations and Learning & Development Manager. He is a keen skier and still enjoys playing in the front row for Sunderland Rugby Union Football Club.