



## LT CDR JOHN SCIVIER

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John joined the Royal Navy on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1977 as a Junior Naval Airman Second Class, originally destined for the Aircraft Handler branch. After competing basic training at HMS Raleigh and then the first eight weeks of NA(AH) course, he was streamed into the Safety Equipment branch and completed NA(SE)2 course at Seafield park in the summer/autumn of 1977.

John then spent the next nine years in the SE branch and served at RNAS Portland, on HMS Bulwark, on 848 NAS onboard RFA Olwen in the South Atlantic in 1982 and HMS Endurance Flight before passing his AIB and joining Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth as a Midshipman. John achieved the rate of Local Acting POA(SE) whilst in the SE Branch.

Completing Air Traffic Control training at RAF Shawbury in the Autumn of 1987, John joined RNAS Yeovilton where he completed on-the-job training and qualified as an Air Traffic Control Officer, becoming the first first-tourist radar supervisor in the branch.

Tours at RNAS Portland and as Officer-in-Charge of the Naval Aeronautical Information Centre (NAIC) at RAF Northolt followed and in 1999, John was posted to RAF Bruggen in Germany on RAF Exchange where he was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Commander.

From Germany, it was back to NAIC where he also completed the long military interrogator's course at DISC Chicksands before joining HMS Ocean as Senior Air Traffic Control Officer (SATCO) where he spent two deployments in the Gulf in support of operations in Afghanistan and for the allied invasion of Iraq during Op Telic. From HMS Ocean it was back to a desk job, this time as an Air Traffic secondment with the Civil Aviation Authority in central London for two years and then a short spell back at NAIC, before taking up the appointment as Commanding Officer of HMS Victory in Portsmouth – the first SE to have commanded a warship!!

From HMS Victory, it was then down to Plymouth as SATCO to Flag Officer Sea Training for six months during which time he also acting as the Survival Officer to the small SE section in HMS Drake. It was then back to Hampshire and HMS Collingwood where he was Officer-in-Charge of the Command and Executive Training Element running the Commanding and Executive Officers Designate courses and also overseeing the fleet's Ship Command examinations. John's last appointment in the Royal Navy before retiring in December 2014 was a permanent board member on the Admiralty Interview Board at HMS Sultan, selecting the future officers of the Royal Navy.

John has supported many charities over the years and currently represents the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a volunteer speaker, is currently a trustee director of Veterans Outreach Support in Portsmouth, is Lead Patron and web-master of a Multiple Sclerosis charity in Southampton, is President of the Royal Naval Safety and Survival Equipment Association and works one day a week for the Royal Naval Association. He has raised well over three hundred thousand pounds for a wide number of military and civilian charities and has completed the Four Peaks challenge four times, summited Mt Kilimanjaro, trekked to Everest Base Camp and completed the Moroccan Three Peaks challenge. John is married to Kerry and they live in Gosport in Hampshire.