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Ministerio de Defensa

Cambio de mando de las Fuerza Armadas Británicas en Gibraltar

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Las Fuerzas Armadas británicas de Gibraltar (British Forces Gibraltar) tienen un nuevo responsable tras el nombramiento del Comodoro Tim Henry. Este releva al Comodoro Mike Walliker, quien ha ostentado el puesto desde julio de 2016 y vuelve ahora al Reino Unido al cierre de su mandato de dos años.

Para la ocasión, se ha celebrado una ceremonia oficial de Cambio de Mando en la Base Naval de su Majestad en Gibraltar (HM Naval Base Gibraltar), a la que han acudido tanto civiles como efectivos militares, hoy 4 de septiembre.

Los asistentes se congregaron en Tower Courtyard para despedir al Comodoro Walliker y su esposa, a quienes ofrecieron regalos de despedida. Posteriormente, el matrimonio Walliker abandonó la Base Naval a bordo del HMS Scimitar, escoltada por lanchas RHIB del Escuadrón de Gibraltar de la Royal Navy (Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron) y embarcaciones de la sección marítima de la Policía del Ministerio de Defensa en Gibraltar (Gibraltar Defence Police, GDP).

Tras conocer a su equipo y a sus familias, el Comodoro Henry fue invitado a presenciar una Batería de Salvas del Real Regimiento de Gibraltar (Royal Gibraltar Regiment) y se disparó una salva de cañones en reconocimiento de su toma de posesión del cargo como Comandante de las Fuerzas Británicas en Gibraltar (Commander British Forces Gibraltar).

Entre los logros de la carrera del Comodoro Henry, destacan varios nombramientos en misiones en mar y en tierra y tanto en el Reino Unido como en el extranjero. No es ajeno a Gibraltar, dado que fue Oficial al Mando (Commanding Officer) del HMS Trumpeter, por aquel entonces una de las patrulleras del Escuadrón de Gibraltar encargada de la seguridad e integridad territorial de las Aguas Territoriales Británicas de Gibraltar.

Antes de este nombramiento, el puesto más reciente del Comodoro Henry fue el de Responsable Adjunto de la lucha contra el terrorismo en el Reino Unido, Resistencia y Operaciones del Ministerio de Defensa británico (Assistant Head UK Counter Terrorism, Resilience and Operations).

El Comodoro Henry se muestra muy ilusionado con este nombramiento y comenta: “Es un honor para mí tomar el relevo como Comandante de las Fuerzas Británicas en Gibraltar y estoy encantado de volver al Peñón con mi familia para asumir esta responsabilidad”.

La nota se acompaña de fotos y un currículum del Comodoro Henry en inglés.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND AT HM NAVAL BASE GIBRALTAR

British Forces Gibraltar has a new head at the helm with the appointment of Commodore Tim Henry RN. Commodore Henry takes over from Commodore Mike Walliker OBE RN who has held the post since July 2016 and who is now returning to the UK at the end of his 2-year appointment.

To mark the occasion, military and civilian personnel attended a formal Change of Command ceremony at HM Naval Base Gibraltar on 4 September.

Personnel gathered in the Tower Courtyard to say farewell to Commodore and Mrs Walliker and presented them with farewell gifts. Commodore and Mrs Walliker left the Naval Base onboard HMS SCIMITAR, escorted by Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron RHIBs and vessels from the Gibraltar Defence Police maritime section.

After meeting his senior team and their families, Commodore Henry was invited to inspect a Saluting Battery of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment and an 11-gun salute was fired in recognition of the assumption of office as Commander British Forces Gibraltar.

Commodore Henry's career has included a variety of sea and land based appointments, both in the UK and overseas. He is no stranger to Gibraltar, having served as the Commanding Officer of HMS TRUMPETER, one of the then Gibraltar Squadron patrol boats charged with the security and territorial integrity of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters

Prior to being appointed to Gibraltar, Commodore Henry's most recent appointment was as the Assistant Head UK Counter Terrorism, Resilience and Operations in the Ministry of Defence.

He is very much looking forward to his new appointment and said: "It is a huge honour and privilege to take over today as Commander British Forces Gibraltar and I am delighted to be returning to Gibraltar with my family to take up this appointment."

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Editors Notes:

Change of Command Ceremony images.

Biography - Commodore Tim Henry



COMMODORE T M HENRY ROYAL NAVY

Commodore Henry was educated at the French Lycée in South Kensington, London, before joining the Royal Navy in 1989. Previous sea going appointments include: the early stages of Operation GRANBY in the mine hunter-sweeper HMS HURWORTH; two frigate navigator appointments, one as an exchange officer with the Belgian Navy during NATO's Operation SHARP GUARD; as well as two appointments to the frigate HMS WESTMINSTER, firstly as the Operations Officer and then as the Executive Officer and Second in Command.

Staff Appointments include the J3 Division of the PJHQ with desk responsibility for, and time in, Kosovo, Macedonia and Iraq; the UK Defence Academy as the PSO to the military 3* Director; the Ministry of Defence holding the Maritime Policy lead for NATO and Europe for the run up to and during Operation ELLAMY, as well as acting as the non-resident Defence Attaché for Portugal and Cape Verde during the Lisbon NATO summit; as the Chief of Staff to the Defence Reform Implementation team in the Navy Command HQ responsible for delivering the manpower savings mandated in SDSR 2010; as the Fleet Operations Officer at the Navy Command element of the Northwood Headquarters, delivering Operational Control of Fleet Units on behalf of COMOPS; and, most recently, returning to the Ministry of Defence as the Assistant Head UK Counter Terrorism, Resilience and Operations.

He has commanded at four ranks: as a Lieutenant, HMS TRUMPETER, one of the Gibraltar Squadron patrol boats charged with the security and territorial integrity of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters; as a Lieutenant Commander, the Royal Navy Training Team Iraq, a mixed Royal Navy and Royal Marines unit overseeing all waterborne operations within the MND(SE) AO and delivering, for Commander 20 Armoured Brigade, combat, combat support and training to the fledgling Iraqi Border Security organisation; as a Commander, the Type 23 Frigate HMS PORTLAND, where he conducted counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics and counterpiracy operations in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden; and as a Captain, the Amphibious Assault Carrier and Fleet Flagship HMS OCEAN, during her refit, regeneration, certification and return to UK, NATO and CJEF operational readiness.

Tim Henry is a Frigate Navigator and Principal Warfare Officer (Underwater) as well as an alumnus of the Joint Services Advanced Command and Staff Course where he also achieved a King's College London Masters Degree in Defence Studies. A Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management and the Chartered Management Institute, he is an Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute as well as an alumnus of the Royal College of Defence Studies. He assumed Command of British Forces Gibraltar on 4 September 2018 and is accompanied by his family.