

COMMODORE A J G MILLER CBE ROYAL NAVY
NAVAL REGIONAL OFFICER
(WALES & WESTERN ENGLAND) - NROWWE

Jamie Miller was educated at Hawtreys and Gordonstoun, and has spent the majority of his career at sea, mostly in operational theatres. After training at BRNC Dartmouth and in the destroyer HMS CAVALIER, he was the Navigator of the minehunter HMS BOSSINGTON, and saw service in the Gulf spending 9 months clearing mines and bombs from the Suez Canal post the 1973 war during OP RHEOSTAT. A spell in the frigate HMS MOHAWK followed, then after qualifying as a Spanish Interpreter, he became Flag Lieutenant to the Commander in Chief Fleet, his time there culminating with the Silver Jubilee Review of the Fleet in 1977.

After serving as Navigator of the Type 42 destroyer HMS SHEFFIELD he was appointed Commanding Officer of the patrol boat HMS KINGFISHER engaged in Northern Ireland Operations. A lull ashore to qualify as a Principal Warfare Officer (Above Water Warfare) in 1981 was followed by participation in the Falklands Conflict in the destroyer HMS COVENTRY, borne for Interpreter and Officer of the Watch duties. Promoted Lieutenant Commander in May 1982, a few days before surviving the sinking of both HMS COVENTRY and his liferaft, he moved on to be Operations Officer of the frigate HMS DANAE, deployed inevitably back to the South Atlantic. From 1985 he was in charge of Officer of the Watch training at HMS DRYAD until 1987 when he was appointed Second and First Lieutenant of HM Y BRITANNIA which included a world circumnavigation for Her Majesty's visit to Australia

Promoted Commander in 1988, he assumed Command of the frigate HMS AVENGER, deploying again to the Falklands, South America, the West Indies for counter drugs operations and European waters. In 1991 he was made responsible for Warfare Officer and Above Water Warfare training at HMS DRYAD School of Maritime Operations until 1993 he became Executive Officer of the aircraft carrier HMS ARK ROYAL spending, during his time with her, eight months in 1994 in the Adriatic on Operation HAMDEN/DENY FLIGHT for Bosnia Operations. Promotion to Captain took him to London as the Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord staffing operational aspects and generating top level political/military interaction. Appointed in Command of the 4th Frigate Squadron in 1997, he brought HMS MARLBOROUGH out of refit, moving forward in 1998 to a Mediterranean deployment. His last six months in Command of MARLBOROUGH were spent on Atlantic Patrol Task (North) duties engaged on a wide variety of Defence Diplomacy tasks and counter drugs operations throughout the Caribbean. Highlights of this period, amongst several arrests, were two major seizures of cocaine, a total of 9.6 tonnes, to date the RN's top record bust. He then became in July 1999, the Deputy to the Royal Navy's Sea Training Admiral, responsible for working up and inspecting ships, averaging 110 units a year from 17 different nations.

Promoted Commodore and Commander Amphibious Task Group in July 2001 he immediately led the group to the Gulf for Ex Saif Sareea II/ARGONAUT off Oman. Following the 11 September World Trade Centre attacks, the Task Group remained on station until Apr 2002 for Operations VERITAS, ORACLE and JACANA and he was embarked, as Commander of the Amphibians in FEARLESS, ILLUSTRIOUS and OCEAN. He was appointed Aide de Camp to Her Majesty the Queen in Nov 2001, he then exercised command from both HMS ARK ROYAL and HNLMS ROTTERDAM, controlling the RN's Mediterranean deployment. Between January-April 2003 he commanded, again from the ARK ROYAL, the Amphibious Task Group for OP TELIC, some 22 ships, 45 helicopters and 7000 people, where he executed the amphibious assault on the Al Faw peninsula off southern Iraq. This subsequently led to him being awarded the Legion of Merit (Officer) by the President of the USA and the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service and thence appointed to be a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

As NROWWE he is effectively the Naval Attaché in Wales and Western England; he represents the Royal Navy at various ceremonies and public events, participates in the Welsh Assembly's Chief Officer's group; establishes and maintains good relations with local authorities and committees and other government bodies; co-ordinates the detailed arrangements for visits of RN and foreign warships to commercial ports in the region, and provides advice at Regional Resilience Forums and on planned Naval representational activities to enhance the RN profile in Wales and Western England.

Jamie Miller is married to Linda and they have 4 young children, Poppy (1989), Holly (1990), Primrose (1992) and Barnaby (1996). Home is Port Isaac, North Cornwall, where his interests focus on the family, garden, beaches and if time permits, collecting lead soldiers.

