

Rear Admiral Steve Moorhouse OBE

Director Force Generation and Rear Admiral Fleet Air Arm



Rear Admiral Steve Moorhouse was appointed as Royal Navy's Director Force Generation in January 2022.

He joined the Royal Navy as a University Cadet and, following flying training, specialised in Airborne Early Warning with 849 Squadron. Primarily embarked in HMS Illustrious, he experienced a wide variety of flying from the southern Indian Ocean to the Baltic. As the Squadron Operations Officer, he enjoyed the challenges of front line operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf and Sierra Leone. He has subsequently combined his aviation experience with a wide variety of sea and command appointments. As a Principal Warfare Officer he deployed with HMS Chatham in 2003 for Operation Telic, providing support to operations on the Al Faw peninsula before joining HMS Bulwark as her first Operations Officer.

Command appointments have included: the Offshore Patrol Vessels HMS Severn and HMS Clyde; the Type 23 Frigate HMS Lancaster; the helicopter carrier HMS Ocean as well as the aircraft carriers HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales. As a Commodore, he had the privilege of Formation Command with CTF150, a multi-national task force charged with delivering Maritime Security across the western Indian Ocean and most recently the UK Carrier Strike Group for CSG21, the inaugural QUEEN ELIZABETH Strike Group operational deployment to the Indo-Pacific.

Staff appointments have included Naval Career Management for junior warfare officers and, within the MoD, Capability Strategy - responsible for balancing financial resource with military capability, and the Operations Directorate, where he had oversight of Operational Capability and Force Generation across the totality of Defence activity.

An alumnus of the Joint Services Higher Command and Staff Course and the Defence Strategic Leadership Programme, Moorhouse was appointed OBE in the 2015 New Year Honours.