

COLONEL S J HUSSEY MBE - EUNAVFOR



Colonel Hussey was commissioned into the Royal Marines in 1991 and on completion of Young Officer training was appointed to an exchange post with the Army in Northern Ireland as a Troop Commander, followed by a short spell at CTCRM. Thereafter, and specializing as a pilot, he was appointed to 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron and later 847 Naval Air Squadron (NAS). On completion of Junior Command and Staff College in 1997, he returned to Middle Wallop as a Qualified Helicopter Instructor.

In late 2000 he embarked upon a series of staff appointments, initially at RMR London as the Staff Officer before moving to Headquarters Royal Marines in Portsmouth where he was employed as SO2 J1 Ops and was the principal staff officer to the Chief of Staff (Personnel). In 2002 he was appointed to the Land Warfare Centre as SO2 G3 Ops responsible for the delivery of the Brigade/Battlegroup Battle Planning Course. In 2003 he graduated from the Advanced Command and Staff Course at Shrivenham gaining a MA in Defence Studies. Following Staff College he returned to flying duties and was fortunate to have 6 years continuous front line service with the Commando Helicopter Force (2003-2010). During this time he has served on all four 'Junglie' Squadrons which included command of 845 NAS, 847 NAS and the Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq). Throughout his career he has deployed worldwide on numerous exercises and on number of operational tours; including Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. He was awarded the MBE in 2007 and the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in 2009. In 2010 he took a SO1 assignment in the Ministry of Defence working directly for DG MAA during the Department's implementation of the Haddon-Cave Report. Thereafter, and keen for a return to operations, he deployed to Afghanistan for a 6 month operational command tour before returning to the Commando Helicopter Force in late 2012 as the Deputy Commander. He assumed his current assignment as COS CAF on 1 Apr 14.

Colonel Hussey is married to Emma and has 2 sons, William (2006) and Henry (2008). An ardent but not excelling sportsman, he is currently a coach at Sherborne Rugby Club, competes regularly in indoor rowing competitions, enjoys mountain biking and is a qualified Alpine ski instructor.