

DAN CLARKE



RANK:COMMANDER

JOINED:1994

SPECIALISATION:WARFARE

PREVIOUS UNITS:HMS TRENCHANT, TORBAY, VIGILANT, TIRELESS,
TURBULENT, TRIUMPH

Military experience

Dan Clarke was born in Birmingham in 1974 and educated at The Clough Hall School, Stoke-on-Trent before entering Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth as a Midshipman in 1994.

Following Initial Fleet Training with the Surface Flotilla, Dan sub-specialised in submarines earning his Dolphins in 1997 during his first compliment assignments in HMS Torbay and HMS Trenchant.

Successful completion of the Submarine Intermediate Warfare Course was followed by promotion to Lieutenant and assignment to HMS Vigilant (Port) in 1999 as the Signal Communications Officer. During this time he conducted a number of SSBN patrols in support of maintaining the UK's continuous at sea nuclear deterrent.

Post Submarine Advanced Warfare Course, he was fortunate to be seconded to the US Navy where he deployed on operations with the Seawolf Class USS Connecticut which, at the time, was the world's newest nuclear submarine.

On return to the UK he joined HMS Tireless in 2002 as the Tactical Systems Officer. During a busy 2 year assignment Dan completed a number of operational patrols, progressed to the role of Operations Officer and undertook a training and research deployment to the North Pole as part of the Joint UK/US 2004 Ice Exercise (ICEX).

Assignment to the Royal Navy Submarine School in 2005 allowed him to pass on his experiences to the next generation of submariners when he spent 6 months teaching the Advanced Warfare Course.

He remained ashore completing the Submarine Command Course (Perisher) before returning to sea service as the Executive Officer of HMS Turbulent in 2006; he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and spent the next 3 years undertaking a variety of operations and foreign visits.

Prior to promotion to Commander and assuming command of HMS Triumph in 2012, Dan

worked for Commodore Naval Personnel where he was responsible for the Career Management of SM Warfare Officers during a very challenging period of manpower restructuring post the 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review.

Any spare time remaining from trying to tire out his 7 year old son is spent swimming, completing the occasional Half Marathon or, now that his playing career enters its twilight years, watching local rugby and football.