



COMMANDER LAUREN JOHNSON ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Lauren Johnson was born and educated in Stoke-on-Trent. She read Politics and International Relations at Staffordshire University.

Joining the Royal Navy in 2001 as a Supply Officer, she undertook sea training in HMS CORNWALL, HMS ARK ROYAL and HMS MONMOUTH prior to completing the Junior Supply Officers' Course after which she was assigned as the Deputy Logistics and Supply Officer of HMS ARGYLL. An assignment to the Fleet Headquarters N1 Division followed, where she had specific responsibility for monitoring terms and conditions of service.

She was assigned to the Defence Maritime Logistics School in 2007 as a Command Training Officer for the Initial Logistics Officers' Course (Maritime) (ILOC(M)). During this time, she was also the Project Manager for the design and implementation of the Future ILOC(M); work for which she received the Chief Naval Logistics Officer's award for outstanding contribution to joint maritime logistics training. Joining the staff of the Commander Amphibious Task Group in 2008, she completed 2 assignments: firstly, as the Military Assistant to the Commodore and then as the SO3 N1/N4.

Following promotion to Lieutenant Commander, she was assigned to RNAS CULDROSE as the Logistics Officer (Supply Chain), where she had professional Command of over 60 Service and civilian staff, was responsible for an asset inventory valued at £500 million and functional authority for the delivery of Contract Logistic Support.

Assigned to HMNB Devonport as the Captain of the Base Business Manager in 2012, she became the First Lieutenant HMS DRAKE where she worked to ensure the safety, security, welfare and recreation facilities of the thousands of service personnel who work and live within the Naval Base. Latterly as the Logistics Officer HMS DRAKE, she was the key customer for £25m per annum public-private partnership.

Leaving the Royal Navy in 2017, she transferred to the Maritime Reserves as a Logistics Officer and following transformation joined the Information Operations capability. She was the Deputy FLC for JOINT WARRIOR-191, completed the Advanced Command and Staff Course (Reserves) in 2019 and was Directing Staff for the 2021 Initial Command and Staff Course (Maritime Reserves). Within HMS VIVID, she undertook the Unit Engagement Officer role and was briefly the Executive Officer.

Selected for a Full Time Reserve Service assignment as SO1 Protocol in Navy Command Headquarters, she was directly responsible to the Naval Secretary for leading continuous improvements in how the Royal Navy recognises its people through medallic recognition and higher-level Honours and Awards, and she supported the delivery of Operations LONDON BRIDGE and GOLDEN ORB. She was assigned as the Commanding Officer of HMS VIVID in September 2023.

Lauren lives on the edge of Bodmin Moor with her husband, daughter, and German Shepherd Dog.