



### **Lieutenant Colonel James A E Lewis OBE Royal Marines**

Lieutenant Colonel James Lewis assumed command of 42 Commando Royal Marines in June 2021. Based at Bickleigh, Plymouth, 42 Commando is a part of 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines. The Unit are the Royal Navy's experts in; high threat maritime security, maritime interdiction operations and joint personnel recovery in support of the UK's Carrier Strike capability.

Commissioned into the Royal Marines in 2002, he has enjoyed an operationally focussed career including deployments to Iraq (Op TELIC), Afghanistan (Op HERRICK), and Pakistan (Op MATURIN). At regimental duty he has had the privilege of serving 42 Commando as a Troop Commander, Company Second in Command, Operations Officer and as the Officer Commanding M Coy.

As a staff officer he has served in; HQ 3 Commando Brigade; the UK's Permanent Joint Headquarters and in NATO where he was the Military Assistant to Commander NATO Maritime Forces (COM MARCOM). Most recently, he was the Director of Staff in the Maritime Operations Centre, Northwood.

Lewis was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours list (2021).

Educated at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook (1997) he went on to Greenwich University where he earned a BSc in Sports Science (2000). He gained an MA (Dist) in Defence Studies from King's College, London (2019) and has completed both the Intermediate Staff Course (Land) and the Advanced Command and Staff Course.

He is married with children. In his free time, he enjoys Telemarking, kayaking and open water swimming.