



AIR VICE MARSHAL GRAHAM HOWARD MA FCILT RAF

Air Vice Marshal Howard was commissioned into the Supply Branch in 1979. During his early service, he specialised in movements, fuels and explosives. Returning from a tour in Belize in 1982, he deployed to Ascension Island during the Falklands Campaign and was a staff officer in HQ British Forces Middle East during the first Gulf War (Operation GRANBY). He commanded the Logistic Support Squadron in Northern Ireland. As a wing commander he attended the British Army Staff College, completed staff tours in the MOD, HQ Strike Command, the Permanent Joint HQ (PJHQ) and commanded the Tactical Supply Wing. Promoted to group captain in 2001, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Joint Force HQ at PJHQ; key deployments during this tour included time in India as Commander British Forces on Op SAPPHIRE and as Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics in the UK National Contingent HQ during the planning and subsequent war-fighting phase of the Iraq War in 2003. He assumed command of RAF Stafford in 2004. Graduating from the Higher Command and Staff Course in early 2006 he was promoted air commodore and seconded to the Foreign Office to Head the Strategic Delivery Unit based in the British Embassy, Kabul for a 6-month tour. Returning to PJHQ in 2007 for a third tour he took command of the Joint Force Logistic Component HQ and deployed it to Afghanistan in July 2007 where he was Commander UK National Support Command and Deputy Commander British Forces. He was appointed Head of Defence Logistic Policy in October 2008. This was followed by an appointment as Head of the Defence Supply Chain, Operations & Movements branch before assuming his current appointment as Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Logistic Operations) in May 2011. Married to Jacqueline - a serving officer in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, they have three daughters.