



Commander Anthony Martin Millar, MNZM, Royal New Zealand Navy

COMMANDER 'TONY' MILLAR WAS BORN IN ASHBURTON, MID-CANTERBURY IN AUGUST 1963, AND WAS EDUCATED AT WELLINGTON COLLEGE. HE JOINED THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY IN JANUARY 1982 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE DECOMMISSIONING SHIP'S COMPANY OF HMNZS OTAGO AND THE COMMISSIONING SHIP'S COMPANY OF HMNZS SOUTHLAND. HE ALSO NAVIGATED HMNZ SHIP'S TUI, WAIKATO AND WELLINGTON.

In November 1991 Commander Millar was posted to Australia to complete Royal Australian Navy specialist Warfare Officer course and in 1992 was posted back to sea in HMNZS CANTERBURY as a Principal Warfare Officer before transferring to HMNZS WELLINGTON as the Operations Officer in 1994.

During this period Commander Millar was responsible for the war fighting capability of WELLINGTON during an operational deployment to the Persian Gulf to conduct UN-sanctions against Iraq.

Between February and April 1998 Commander Millar was attached to the New Zealand Army as the Naval Liaison Officer and Civil Affairs Officer in Bougainville before being appointed Executive Officer of HMNZS TE KAHA.

In May 2001 he attended the RNZAF Senior Staff Course and soon after the events of 11 September 2001, Commander Millar was deployed to Tampa, Florida to work within USCENTCOM as a planning officer.

In May 2002 he returned to New Zealand and was appointed as Commanding Officer of the Diving Support Ship HMNZS MANAWANUI. Commander Millar was promoted to his current rank in December 2002 and was posted to the staff of the Chief of Defence Force as Deputy Director Strategic Plans (Contingency). In this role he was the strategic level desk officer concerned with NZDF commitments to Operation Enduring Freedom, the global campaign against terrorism.

During his career, Commander Millar has seen service in the Persian Gulf, Bougainville, East Timor, and the Solomon Islands; and conducted some military tourism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Commander Millar has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science, a Master of Philosophy (Defence and Strategic Studies), and a Post-Graduate qualification in Public Policy. Commander Millar was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1999.