

REAR ADMIRAL SCOTT BISHOP, OMM, CD

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Rear Admiral Scott Bishop is the Director General International Security Policy for the Department of National Defence since July 2015.

Originally from Vancouver, British-Columbia, Rear Admiral Bishop embarked on a naval career by first joining the Naval Reserve at HMCS DISCOVERY in 1983. Two years later, he transferred to the Regular Force and, after completing his initial training, joined HMCS RESTIGOUCHE as a bridge watch-keeping officer.

Early on, Rear Admiral Bishop specialized in navigation, successfully completing both the Destroyer Navigation Officer course and the Maritime Advanced Navigation Officer Course. He served as the Senior Navigation Instructor at the Naval Officer Training Centre, and as the Navigating Officer in HMC Ships CHIGNECTO, MIRAMICHI, QU'APPELLE, and PROVIDER. While in PROVIDER, he participated in OPERATION FORWARD ACTION to enforce UN Sanctions against Haiti.

In 1995, Rear Admiral Bishop attended a yearlong warfare course for future Operations Room Officers, after which he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander and posted to HMCS VANCOUVER as the ship's Combat Officer. In 1998, he was assigned similar duties at Sea Training Pacific.

In 2000, he was appointed Executive Officer in HMCS ATHABASKAN. After being promoted to the rank of Commander in 2003 and completing a tour of duty in National Defence Headquarters, he was selected to command the frigate, HMCS HALIFAX in 2005. HALIFAX deployed with NATO's Standing Naval Maritime Group One and participated in OPERATION ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR, NATO's maritime contribution to the campaign against terrorism.

In 2011, he deployed on OPERATION UNIFIED PROTECTOR as the Chief of Current Operations in the Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters to enforce NATO's no-fly-zone and embargo against Libya.

His most recent command appointments have been Commander Maritime Operations Group Five, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific, and Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic.

Over his career, Rear Admiral Bishop has worked in many staff appointments, including: desk officer for Canadian Armed Forces operations in the Balkans; Director of Strategic Communications in the naval staff; a member of the Chief of Defence Staff's capability action teams; Director of Transformation and Strategic Planning for the Chief of Force Development; Special Advisor to the Chief of Defence Staff; and Director of Operations with the Strategic Joint Staff.

Rear Admiral Bishop holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration and is a graduate of the US Navy's Naval War College. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in 2011.