

Rear Admiral SMB Weerasekara RSP,USP,ndu,psn,MSc(DS)Mgt,DISS,DIDSS
Deputy Chief of Staff and Commander Northern Naval Area



Rear Admiral SMB Weerasekara joined the Sri Lanka Navy in August 1978 on his 19th birthday as an Officer cadet of the 7th Intake. During his training at Naval & Maritime Academy Trincomalee he excelled in studies and was selected to follow the International Midshipman course at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth UK in 1980. Having completed the Midshipman course, securing a high order of merit. He was promoted to rank of Sub Lieutenant 1981. In 1981/82 he followed Sub Lieutenant technical course in India, achieving a first class pass. He specialized in Communication at INS Venduruthy in India and graduated from the Naval Staff College Karachi, Pakistan in 1995, achieving the first place in order of merit. He is also a graduate of the National Defence University, Beijing – China and is a holder of Masters of Science Degree in Management from Kothalawala Defence University, Colombo.

The other training courses and seminars attended by the Rear Admiral includes Missile Vessel Commanders course in Israel, the Exclusive Economic Zone protection course in United Kingdom, Port Facility Security Officer training by IMO in Sri Lanka and USGC affiliated PFSO certification in USA and, IMO Maritime security trainer course in Male; Senior Crisis Management seminar in USA under the aegis of US Department of State, Senior Security Officials Dialogue organized by ASIAN and 6th MDA symposium at Singapore etc.

During his career over 32 years, he has held a number of important command, Administrative and sea appointments. His sea commands include Short Patrol Craft, Fast Gun Boats, Landing Craft Mechanized, and Fast Missile Vessel. He has commanded major operational shore bases in the North and East and been Commandant of the Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee which is affiliated to the University of Kelaniya, in addition to holding key Staff and Deputy Director / Director appointments at Naval Headquarters. During the recent humanitarian operations he held the appointments of Director Naval Operations, Director General Operations and Commander Eastern Naval Area.

He is a recipient of Rana Sura Padakkama (RSP) for gallantry at sea and Uttama Seva Padakkama (USP) for meritorious and distinguished service.