

### **Reducing Vulnerability Through Multi-National Collaboration.**

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#### About the speaker

CDR Stein Olav Hagalid started his military career in the Norwegian Army in 1988, but soon realised that the Navy had more to offer and started up at the Norwegian Naval Academy in 1992, graduated as Lieutenant in 1994. After a couple of years as a Submariner, he went back to the Naval Academy and after another two years at college he graduated as LT CDR in 1996. From then on he climbed the ladder on board, at that time Norway's largest naval ships, the NORDKAPP Coast Guard ships. He started up as an Artillery Officer, also serving as Helicopter Controller and Fishery Inspector, and ended up as Commanding Officer in 2005 Commanding the NoCGV «Andenes», a NORDKAPP class Coastguard ship, also serving as the Norwegian Navy Task Group Command Platform.

In between he also served 3 years at the Norwegian National Joint Headquarters as Branch Head for the Coastal Surveillance Centre, and he had a year in civilian life as Senior Manager of a Business Development Company.

CDR Hagalid graduated from the Norwegian Staff and Command College in 2008, was promoted to Commander Senior Grade and chosen as Branch Head for the NATO Shipping Centre (NSC), located in Northwood, London, leading it into a new era of interaction with the international merchant shipping community. The NSC are at the moment working closely with the Royal Navy, the EU Naval Force with its headquarters collocated at Northwood Headquarters, the Combined Maritime Forces, and other maritime actors in its efforts to thwart piracy in the Gulf of Aden and the Somali Basin. During the ongoing NATO Counter Piracy Operation Ocean Shield, the NSC is in the lead for one of its Lines of Operation – Maritime Community. One of the NSC main efforts, in close coordination with the other military actors, is to actively engage with the maritime community promoting increased awareness of schemes to improve the security of commercial shipping and to encourage the use of onboard anti-piracy measures to defend against possible pirate attacks.

CDR Hagalid is married to Sarah, has three children and lives in Northwood, London.