



Commander Corey L.E. Gleason MMM, CD

Hailing from Welland, Ontario, Canada, Cdr Corey Gleason enlisted the Royal Canadian Navy on 8 August 1985. He trained as a Naval Signalman in Esquimalt, BC, and was posted to HMCS PROTECTEUR in Halifax NS. While in Halifax he served in multiple ships, participated in many NATO exercises and was support staff to Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

In 1991 he moved to Maritime Forces Pacific to serve in the Training Squadron. While serving in Esquimalt BC he was crew to a series of classes of ships, highlighted by HMCS OTTAWA, where he deployed for Operation APOLLO in support of the war against terrorism as ship's Senior Naval Communicator. Throughout his time in the ranks, he proudly supported the ships he served by volunteering for secondary duties such as Ship's Team Diver and Boarding Party 2 I/C, making a conscious effort to enhance the capabilities of the ships he served.

Gleason commissioned from the ranks in November 2003 and on completion of formal officer training in College militaire royal de Saint-Jean, NOTC Venture and HMCS WHITEHORSE, he served as Deck Officer in HMCS CALGARY, Navigating Officer in HMCS BRANDON, HMCS VANCOUVER, REGINA and PROTECTEUR, and Combat Officer in HMCS OTTAWA.

Cdr Gleason took up his first command appointment to command HMCS YELLOWKNIFE. He proudly served as a roving Ambassador to the City of Yellowknife and the peoples of the North-West Territories and visited the City of Yellowknife multiple times.

Cdr Gleason took up his next appointment as Executive Officer in HMCS OTTAWA and immediately deployed to join the fight against the illegal distribution of narcotics in South and North America supporting Joint Interagency Task Force South.

Gleason's time in sea going units was interrupted twice by shore postings inland, but he generally remained on the wet list serving in Sea Training as Operations Officer and Executive Officer in between northern operations and studies with other government departments and allies.

After many years of sailing north in Canadian Coast Guard ships or with NATO allies, Gleason went north in the dead of winter as Captain of HMCS HARRY DEWOLF, executing cold weather trials and deploying again summer of 2021, circumnavigating North America via the North West Passage and the Panama Canal.

He and his spouse France Chalifour of Quebec City are tremendously proud to be part of naval history, following HMCS LABRADOR's historic journey in 1954. Cdr Gleason will continue his work and studies in the Arctic domain, as he accepts his next command appointment to Sea Training Patrol. Gleason and his spouse currently reside in Halifax NS where they have the honor and privilege to continue to serve the Royal Canadian Navy.