

## Commodore Rumen Nikolov Deputy Chief of Navy



Rumen Nikolov was born on 9 February 1957 in Tervel, Bulgaria.

### **Education:**

1976 – Secondary education completed in Varna, Bulgaria;  
1976-1981 – Nicola Vaptsarov Naval Academy;  
1989-1991 – Naval Academy, Russia;  
2003-2004 – *G. S. Rakovski* National Defence Academy, Sofia.

### **Military Career:**

1981-1982 – Commander of Combat Unit-1 of anti-submarine ship in 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Anti-Submarine Ships of Varna Naval Base;  
1982-1984 – Commander of Combat Unit-2 and 3 of anti-submarine ship in 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Anti-Submarine Ships of Varna Naval Base;  
1984-1987 – Assistant Commander of anti-submarine ship in 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Anti-Submarine Ships of Varna Naval Base;  
1987-1989 – Commander of anti-submarine ship in 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Anti-Submarine Ships of Varna Naval Base;  
1989-1991 – Cadet, Military Academy, Russia;  
1991-1992 – Senior Assistant Chief for operational and tactical training of Operational Combat Training Section at the HQ of Varna Naval Base;  
1992-1994 – Senior Assistant Chief for operational and tactical training of Operations Department, Navy HQ;  
1994-1996 – Senior Assistant Chief for operational and tactical training and for relations with Land Forces and Air Forces, Operations Department, Navy HQ;  
1996-1997 – Senior Assistant Chief for operational and tactical training and for relations with Land Forces and Air Forces, Operations Department, Operational Training and Force Command and Control Directorate, Navy HQ;  
1997-2001 – Commander of Patrol Boat Division of Varna Naval Base;  
2001-2002 – Deputy Commander of Varna Naval Base;  
2002-2003 – Deputy Commander of Varna Naval Base, responsible for force training;  
2003-2004 – Cadet, *G. S. Rakovski* National Defence Academy, Sofia;

2004-2006 – Chief of Operations Directorate, Navy HQ;  
2006-2009 – Commander of Varna Naval Base;  
2009 – Deputy Chief of Navy.

**Promotions:**

1981 – Second Lieutenant;  
1984 – First Lieutenant;  
1988 – Lieutenant;  
1993 – Lieutenant Commander;  
1996 – Commander;  
1999 – Captain;  
2007 – Brigadier Admiral;  
2009 – Commodore.

**Awards and Decorations:**

Pistol;  
Commendation Medal of the MoD *For Meritorious Service under the Colours* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class;  
Cold Steel Naval Dirk.

CDRE Nikolov is fluent in English and Russian.

He is married and has two children.