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### ***Fuerzas Armadas Británicas en Gibraltar***

#### **Visita a Gibraltar del Comandante de la Flota**

Gibraltar, 31 de octubre de 2024

La semana pasada, el Comandante de la Flota, el Vicealmirante Andrew Burns, visitó la Base Naval de Gibraltar.

Durante su visita, el Vicealmirante Burns se entrevistó con el Gobernador de Gibraltar, el Teniente General Sir Ben Bathurst, y el Comandante de las Fuerzas Británicas en Gibraltar, el Contraalmirante Tom Guy. También fue recibido por el Oficial al Mando de la Royal Navy y el Oficial al Mando del Escuadrón de Gibraltar (Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron, RNGS) en su Cuartel General, y pasó un rato hablando con el personal del Escuadrón antes de acompañarlos en una travesía a bordo del HMS Cutlass.

Esa misma mañana, el Vicealmirante Burns organizó un encuentro en el patio de la Torre con personal de la Royal Navy para compartir experiencias sobre la Armada.

El Comandante de las Fuerzas Británicas en Gibraltar señaló: “Fue un gran privilegio, especialmente para los miembros de la Armada de las Fuerzas Británicas en Gibraltar, recibir al Comandante de la Flota en la Noche de Trafalgar.

Me encantó que pudiera pasar tiempo con toda nuestra gente y escuchar sus opiniones sobre la vida en la Royal Navy en Gibraltar, además de ver de primera mano el gran trabajo del RNGS.

Es muy importante asegurarse de que nuestros altos dirigentes comprenden los retos y las oportunidades que existen aquí en Gibraltar, y estoy muy agradecido a todos los que han trabajado duro para lograr que su visita fuera un gran éxito”.



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### **FLEET COMMANDER VISIT TO GIBRALTAR**

Last week, Fleet Commander, Vice Admiral Andrew Burns CB OBE, visited His Majesty's Naval Base, Gibraltar.

During his visit, Vice Admiral Burns had office calls with His Excellency, the Governor of Gibraltar, Lieutenant General Sir Ben Bathurst KCVO, CBE, and Commander British Forces Gibraltar, Commodore Tom Guy. He was also hosted by the Commanding Officer, Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron (RNGS) at their Headquarters, spending time talking with the Squadron personnel before accompanying them on the water in HMS Cutlass.

Later that morning, Vice Admiral Burns hosted a meet and greet in the Tower courtyard with Royal Navy personnel to share Navy experiences.

Commander British Forces Gibraltar said: "It was a tremendous privilege, particularly for the Naval members of British Forces Gibraltar, to host the Fleet Commander for Trafalgar Night.

I was delighted that he was able to spend time with all of our people and hear their views on life in the Royal Navy in Gibraltar, as well as seeing the great work of the RNGS at first hand.

Making sure that our senior leaders understand the challenges and opportunities here in Gibraltar is really important, and I am grateful to everyone who worked hard to ensure his visit was a great success."

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#### **Editor's Note:**

- Andrew joined the Royal Navy in 1989 as a University Cadet, subsequently graduating in geography from the University of Durham. As a junior officer he qualified as a Bridge Watch-keeping Officer, Fighter Controller and Principal Warfare Officer and saw service on operations across the world in destroyers, a frigate and an aircraft carrier.
- Andrew Burns was appointed Fleet Commander in September 2021 and commands all operational arms of the Royal Navy (Surface Flotilla, Submarine Flotilla, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary). This includes their generation for task and operational effectiveness. He is the Chief Naval Warfare Officer and the Gender Advocate for the Royal Navy.

- Andrew is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Managers, a Younger Brother of Trinity House and a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers. He is also; a trustee of both the Naval Review and the Devon Wildlife Trust; President of the Royal Navy Rugby Union; President of the Royal Navy Cricket Association; and a Patron of Future Fit Junior Field Gun.