

Admiral Sir George Zambellas GCB DSC FRAeS DL



Sir George Zambellas completed a three year appointment as First Sea Lord in April 2016, a period that delivered the wholesale reset of the Royal Navy's authority and focus. During his tenure, Sir George took the strategic challenge of global maritime delivery responsibility to the heart of Government, and won the highest level of support, turning this support into a political-industrial delivery agenda.

In shaping the Royal Navy, Sir George's focus was also on its people to ensure that, with significant quantities of new equipment secured for the Navy, including two new carriers, new nuclear submarines and ships, the quantity and quality of emergent technical expertise would be ready.

Sir George has an extensive background in strategic leadership and communication. His 36 year public career as a pilot, sea commander, amphibious force commander, national and NATO 4* joint operational and maritime commander, have given him a unique perspective. He has, subsequently, advised the U.K. Government, foreign governments, and advised in maritime military procurement.

Interspersed, Sir George has a wealth of knowledge in the ways of the UK Ministry of Defence, the U.K. Government, and the UK and international defence-industrial base. He served on the Ministry of Defence Central Staff during the respected 1997 Defence Review, was Private Secretary to two Chiefs of the Defence Staff, and has served as Chief of Staff on numerous Boards and Committees.

An apprentice and engineer by training, Sir George also has transformation leadership expertise, especially in the delivery of breakthrough innovation performance. His particular passion is for shaping and supporting fresh thinking within the top management of emerging technical sectors, and for leading-edge technologies - such as unmanned vehicles, artificial intelligence, cyber resilience, next generation computing, big data processing, bioengineering and advances in quantum mechanics.

In the last three years, Sir George Zambellas accelerated his commercial and industrial expertise on leaving the military, by immersing himself in the established Californian high-tech market, and the challenge of US and UK start-ups. He is building a portfolio and experience, and is now in executive or advisory positions to numerous tech companies in the following areas:

- Founder and Chairman of PraXec Limited (www.praxec.com), a specialist management consultancy supporting improved business performance through innovation software, partnering with Berkeley University (<https://berkeleyinnovationindex.org/>) most recently working with HMRC.
- Founder and Chairman of CobWeb Cyber Security Limited (<https://www.cobwebcyber.com/>), a UK-based cyber security company, drawing on the highest level of governmental cyber expertise, that guides board-level leadership and management on data security and protection from cyber attack, working in numerous sectors.
- Chairman and investor in Galaxkey Limited (www.galaxkey.com), a U.K. company, providing encrypted emails, secure data transfer and secure workspace facilities.
- Senior Advisor to Liquid Robotics Inc (www.liquid-robotics.com), a Boeing wholly-owned subsidiary underwater robotics company based in Silicon Valley, operating platforms for the US, Japan, Indonesia and Korea.
- Director and U.K. Lead of Agorai LLC (www.agorai.ai), an AI company offering a wide range of AI and data solutions.

In addition, Sir George spent a year as:

- Chairman of Pagefield Global (www.pagefieldglobal.com), a strategic communications company, dealing in reputation management in litigation, crisis and global affairs.

Born in April 1958, Sir George is a Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset, an Elder Brother of Trinity House, President of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, and a Director of the White Ensign Association, a trustee of the VC and GC Association, and Her Majesty's Gentlemen Usher to the Sword of State.

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