



Mark Rowlands

DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

Mark Rowlands commenced his working life in 1983 as a Civil Servant in the Royal Air Force storage and distribution depot (16 Maintenance Unit), RAF Stafford. After 8 years working in a variety of warehouse, training and management positions he resigned to join the RAF as a Logistics Officer.

Mark completed his Initial Officer and professional training and was posted back to RAF Stafford where he led a team responsible for depot materiel accounting. Subsequent tours took him to logistics leadership at RAF Buchan in Scotland, a project management tour in Stafford and then to work on NATO Logistic Information Systems in Munich. At that point, his skiing and command of the German language improved dramatically.

Mark returned to the UK and completed his Air Movements Officer training and subsequent Movements tours in RAF Brize Norton, HQ Strike Command and Joint Force Headquarters, with whom he deployed to several locations, most notably the Middle East on Operation TELIC. Returning to warehousing and distribution, he was posted for a second tour in Germany, where he commanded the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency (DSDA) depot in Dulmen. After further tours in DSDA Head Office and in HQ Air Plans, he deployed to the UK Air Component HQ in Doha, Qatar before taking up a Chief of Staff position in the Defence Logistic School.

Mark's final tours in the RAF were in HQ Air A4 Logistics, where he helped to shape the requirement for Log Commodities and Services Transformation (LCST) and in the inaugural LCST Commissioning and Management Organisation, where he facilitated engagement between the RAF and the LCST Delivery Partner, Team Leidos. When family circumstances necessitated his resignation from the RAF, he jumped at the chance to join Team Leidos as Operations Manager, responsible for ensuring that Defence requirements are understood by Team Leidos, that Defence Planning is informed by Team Leidos capabilities and that Support to Operations is maintained to the highest possible standard. Upon subsequent promotion to Operations Director, his remit expanded to include operational performance, customer relationship management and supply chain integration.

Mark lives in Portishead with his wife and teenage daughter.