

NATIVE BIOGRAPHY

Rear Admiral DNS Ulugetenne

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Born on 18th September, 1965 and educated at Royal College in Colombo. he joined the Sri Lanka Navy as an Officer Cadet of the 13th Intake on 07th January 1985 and he received his basic training at Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee. On completion two years of successful training period, he was commissioned as an Acting Sub Lieutenant on 05th January 1987. He was promoted to the present rank of Rear Admiral on 01st June 2015.

He is specialized in Gunnery and distinguished graduate of Joint Services Command & Staff College, United Kingdom where he was graduated in “psc” and MA (Defence Studies). He also participated to the United States Pacific Command International Intelligence Fellows Program (IIFP) conducted by National Intelligence University - USA in year 2013. Rear Admiral DNS Ulugetenne obtained his second Master’s Degree on Maritime Policy from the University of Wollongong, Australia and also he was graduated from National Defence College, India on 25th November 2016 and he secured his third masters, MPhil (D&SS) from University Of Madras.

During 34 years of his naval career he held number of Sea and Ashore appointments where he performed very successfully. He has commanded Long Patrol Boat, Fast Attack Craft, Landing Craft, Fast Gun and Fast Missile Vessel namely P 245, P 464, P 481 L 820 and SLNS Ranarisi. He has served on board Fast Missile Vessel, SLNS Nandimitra as Weapon Officer and Executive Officer and commanded the same ship in 2009/10. He also commanded 4th Fast Attack Craft Flotilla the most prestigious teeth arm of the Sri Lanka Navy which comprises 57 Fast Attack Craft. He held three appointments as an instructor in Naval and Maritime Academy and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence Academy and commanded two Naval bases namely SLNS Thammanna and SLNS Rangalla. The other key appointments he has held during his unblemished naval career are the Director Weapon Systems and Director Naval Intelligence, Deputy Area Commander of Northern Naval Area, Director General Services, Commander Southern Naval Area, Commander Western Naval Area and deputy Chief Of Staff. At present, he is serving as the Chief Of Staff in Sri Lanka Navy.

He has been awarded “Rana Shoora Padakkama” twice by the HE the President for his bravery acts in the face of enemy and also he was awarded by “Vishista Seva Vibhushanaya” by HE the President as a reward for exceptional, distinguished and loyal service and other decorations bestowed on him include “Uththama Seva Padakkama” for his unblemished service, Sri Lanka Armed Service Long service Medal, Sri Lanka Navy 50th Anniversary Medal, 50th Anniversary of Independence Medal, North & East operations Medal, “Purna Bhumi” Medal, “Deshaputra” Medal, “Wadamarachchi” Operation Campaign Medal and “Riviresa” Operation Campaign Medal. The “Deshaputra” Medal was awarded to him for injuries he sustained when Fast Attack Craft commanded by him blown up by terrorists.

He is married to Chandima. They are blessed with a 17 year old daughter, Samadhini.