

CURRICULUM VITAE

RADM RONNIE TAY



Rear Admiral RONNIE TAY was born on 2 October 1963 in Singapore. He was enlisted into the Singapore Armed Forces in December 1981, and was awarded the Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Scholarship in 1982 to pursue undergraduate studies at Oxford University in the United Kingdom. He graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Engineering Science.

RADM Tay's early years in the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) were largely spent onboard the Missile Gun Boats. After serving as Executive Officer of RSS Sea Wolf in 1987, he assumed his first command, that of the Coastal Patrol Craft RSS Swift Warlord, in 1988. He was then posted to RSN headquarters, as a staff officer in the Naval Operations Department from 1989-1990. Subsequently, he attended the Singapore Command and Staff Course in 1991, upon completion of which he was appointed the Commanding Officer of the Missile Gun Boat RSS Sea Lion, in 1992.

RADM Tay was appointed Head of Naval Intelligence Department in 1994. In 1996, he was awarded a SAF post-graduate scholarship, under which he obtained a Master of Science in Management degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States of America.

Upon his return from his studies, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 188 Squadron of missile corvettes in 1997 and concurrently Commander 1st Flotilla the following year.

RADM Tay was appointed Fleet Commander in March 1999. After relinquishing command of the Fleet in December 2000, he assumed the appointment of Head of Naval Operations Department. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (One Star) on 1 July 2001 and subsequently appointed to the concurrent appointment of Chief of Staff – Naval Staff on 20 July 2001.

On 1 Apr 2003, RADM Tay assumed the appointment of the Chief of Navy. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (Two-Star) on 1 Jul 2004. In 2005, he was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Military) (Gold). He relinquished his appointment as Chief of Navy on 31 Aug 2007, and will be attending the Advanced Management Programme at Insead, France.

He is married to Teo Sock Hong, Leah, and they have two sons, Reuben and Benjamin.