

Commander VCC

Lt Col (VCC) Chris Spratt



Lt Col Chris Spratt joined the VCC as a cadet in September 1982 at Royal Marines Eastney. Passing out in February 1983 with Number 4 Diamond he joined the so-called 'Mounted Troop' in readiness for Tattoo 1983, and subsequently joined the Drill Squad. Having passed the Junior Command Course in 1984 he was promoted to Cadet Corporal and was awarded the Macrae Shield for Best Improved Shot in 1984 and 1985. Finishing in first place on the Senior Command Course and being awarded the Filer Medal, Lt Col Spratt was promoted to Cadet Sergeant in 1986 and appointed as Provost Sergeant. Upon promotion to Cadet Colour Sergeant in 1987 he took over as CSM of R Company.

Invited to join the staff of Portsmouth Division RMVCC in 1988 Lt Col Spratt became Company Training Officer with B Company and whilst studying geography at university in London from 1990 to 1993 he joined the Officers Training Corps. In September 1993 he was appointed Training Officer and in 1996 took over command of B Company. Having passed the NSRA's range conducting officers course in 1994 Lt Col Spratt regularly helped to run .22 shooting training every Saturday morning for many years.

Returning to the unit's Training Officer role in 1999 he was appointed Senior Instructor in 2002. A change in career meant a return to more remote duties so Lt Col Spratt took on the role of First Drill and Health & Safety Officer. In 2012 he was appointed as Training Sergeant Major and then Adjutant in the rank of WO1 in 2013. Selected as second-in-command of Portsmouth Division RMVCC in 2014 he was promoted to Lieutenant as the VCC's first commissioned CFAV, and then again to Captain in 2016 whereupon he also took on the role of Adjutant for the whole RMVCC. Lt Col Spratt was appointed Commanding Officer of Portsmouth Division RMVCC in July 2017.

In late 2018 Lt Col Spratt was promoted to Major and appointed as the Executive Officer of the VCC, subsequently becoming Deputy Commander in 2019. Lt Col Spratt was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of the Volunteer Cadet Corps in January 2021 as Commander VCC.

Currently living near Winchester, Lt Col Spratt works as a corporate real estate and facilities management director for part of Cambridge University and when he's not busy with cadet activities he can be usually be found travelling, walking or thinking about getting fit.



www.volunteercadetcorps.org



**VOLUNTEER
CADET CORPS**