



Commodore Arne Morten Grønningsæter

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(DACOS C2DS)

Commodore Arne Morten Grønningsæter was born on the 21st of August 1959.

Grønningsæter started his military career as a student at the Norwegian Naval Academy in 1979, studying Operative Studies for four years. In 1983, at the rank of Lieutenant, he was appointed to the position of Second in Command of the 22nd Missile Torpedo Boat Squadron. He served there for two years, after which he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 21st Missile Torpedo Boat Squadron. Grønningsæter was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1987 after serving four years as Lieutenant.

He continued to serve as Commanding Officer, at the 22nd Missile Torpedo Boat Squadron. In 1989 he became Head of Division at the same squadron. The following year he was appointed Operations Officer at HNoMS Narvik.

While on active duty, Grønningsæter enrolled at the University of Tromsø. Studying Law in a five-year program, he ended his studies in 1995, earning a law degree.

In 1991, Arne Morten Grønningsæter relocated to Oslo to serve as the Second in Command at the HNoMS Oslo. The following year he relocated to Bergen, being appointed Department Supervisor at the HNoMS Tordenskjold. Grønningsæter served as Department Manager until 1993, when he got a position as Operations Officer at the same centre.

Grønningsæter's military career further advanced when he after working for three years at the HNoMS Tordenskjold, was promoted to Commander and appointed to be Chief of Plans and Policy at the Navy Staff. In 1996 he Commander was assigned the position of Squadron Commander at his former squadron, the 21st Missile Torpedo Boat Squadron. In 1999 he completed the Norwegian Armed Forces Joint Staff College 2. The same year, he was appointed Chief of the Naval Operations Centre at Defence Command Northern Norway.

Grønningsæter reached the rank of Captain in 2002, and got the position of Chief Joint Operations Staff at Regional Command Northern Norway. The following year he was promoted to his current rank, Commodore, while also transferring to the Ministry of Defence, assigned as the Second in Command of the Department of Personnel and Joint Services. In 2004 Grønningsæter completed the Norwegian Defence University College.

In 2008 he ended his employment at the Ministry of Defence, being appointed as Project Officer for the Chief of the Royal Norwegian Navy. After serving seven years in Southern Norway, Arne Morten Grønningsæter returned to Northern Norway, working at the Norwegian Joint Headquarters as Department Supervisor with the Joint Operations Centre. After serving three years, Grønningsæter became Commander of the Joint Operations at the same headquarters.

In 2014 he was appointed as DACOS C2DS in SACT Norfolk, USA.

Arne Morten Grønningsæter has two sons with his wife Marianne.