



Air Vice-Marshal Tim Neal-Hopes OBE
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Air Vice-Marshal Neal-Hopes has served in a wide range of appointments, both in the UK and overseas. Cyber security, intelligence and information system engineering, interspersed with tours supporting deployed operations, have characterized his career. Recent tours have included: command of the Joint Service Signals Organisation; Deputy Head of Cyber Policy; and Director Non-Lethal Effects on Op Inherent Resolve. Most recently Neal-Hopes directed MOD's Cyber, Intelligence and C4 Systems Programmes as Head Joint User C4ISR and Cyber, as well as serving as CIO for Defence Intelligence. After completing RCDS in 2021, Neal-Hopes was promoted to Air Vice-Marshal and returned to Defence Intelligence and UK STRATCOM for his fifth tour, taking up the post of Director Cyber, Intelligence and Information Integration (DCI3).

Neal-Hopes has repeatedly immersed himself in academia, having read Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Salford University, completed an MSc at Essex University in Computer and Network Security; an MBA with the Open University; and an MA in Defence Studies. Neal-Hopes also attended the United States Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies where he read for an MPhil and published the book: "Preventing a Cyber Dresden: How the Lessons of Air Power can Influence the Development of Cyber Power". His academic and practical interest in the influences upon the development of cyber power continue post-RCDS via his PhD studies.

Outside of work, Tim is a keen triathlete and distance runner when his aging knees and the physio permits!