

# New station Commander for RAF Lossiemouth

**Group Captain Jim**

**Walls DSO RAF took command of RAF Lossiemouth from Group Captain Paul Godfrey**

**OBE on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

Group Captain Godfrey

took command of the Moray base at the end of November 2015. His two years in charge of the Moray Typhoon

main operating base saw significant support to operations over Iraq, Syria and in Nigeria as well as the announcement of RAF Lossiemouth as the future base of

the UK's Maritime Patrol Aircraft. On

leaving RAF Lossiemouth Group Captain Godfrey said:

"It has been an honour to have been the Station Commander at RAF Lossiemouth. Being in command of a Royal

Air Force base that is charged with directly protecting the United Kingdom's airspace and is involved with current operations around the Globe was both challenging and inspiring. The work we

do can sometimes put a great deal of pressure on our people and their families,

but the Whole Force here continually demonstrate excellence and a can-do attitude that is humbling; it is undoubtedly the people I will miss.



"My family and I will be sad to leave Moray, we've made many good friends in the local community and have made the most of the opportunities and

amazing quality of life available here.

We will definitely be back to visit soon.

"As RAF Lossiemouth moves into its next chapter, I'm delighted to hand command over to Group Captain Jim Walls.

He has been a Typhoon squadron commander at RAF Lossiemouth so is well aware of the challenges and opportunities the Station faces as it develops to become a MPA as well as QRA base. I'm

sure he will enjoy what is undoubtedly the very best job in the Royal Air Force."



Group Captain Jim Walls was born in Australia but educated in the UK, attending Aberdeen University. He has

flown Jaguar and Typhoon aircraft both as an instructor and operationally. He was also the Typhoon Display Pilot in

2007, and famously raced a Bugatti Veyron in a Typhoon. He has held roles in the Typhoon development programme, and was Officer Commanding 6 Sqn at RAF Lossiemouth between June 2014 and November 2016. Group Captain Walls is excited to be in command of RAF Lossiemouth as the Station moves towards welcoming the Poseidon P-8 to RAF Lossiemouth, he said:

“It’s an immense privilege to be taking command of RAF Lossiemouth. Group Captain Godfrey has led the Station exceptionally through a significant, and busy, few years. I would like to thank him for his dedicated service and congratulate him on his promotion.



“It is an exciting time to be commanding the station with such huge investment over the coming years. This includes the introduction of the Poseidon Maritime Patrol Aircraft and another Typhoon Squadron. We will be reinvigorating RAF Coastal Command’s heritage with cutting edge technology while continuing to deliver QRA and global operations. I am particularly looking forward to working closely with the local community as we grow the station. It will undoubtedly be a challenging role but it is a real honour and I am ready.”

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