



## **Commodore Igor Schvede**

### **Chief of Staff of the Headquarters of the Estonian Defence Forces**

CDRE Igor Schvede started his military career in the Soviet Navy in 1986, and graduated from the Russian Naval Academy in 1993, and joined the re-established Estonian Navy in 1993. CDRE Schvede has been in command of both patrol boat and naval cutter, and was Chief of Staff and Commander of the Baltic Naval Squadron, and Commander of the MCM Squadron. Shore duties include the Naval Staff, the Plans and Policy Department of the Headquarters of the Estonian Defence Forces, and the Training and Exercise Department of the NATO Maritime Component Command in Northwood. CDRE Schvede has also been deployed to the NATO ISAF HQ in Kabul, Afghanistan. He has been awarded the Estonian Order of the Cross of the Eagle and numerous other awards. CDRE Schvede has attended the US Naval Staff College (1996), the Baltic Defence College in Estonia (2003) and the US Naval Command College (2012). In addition to the Estonian language, CDRE Schvede speaks English and Russian. He is married with one daughter.

