

## PROFILE – REAR ADMIRAL D.K. DASSANAYAKE (Rtd),SLN

Date of birth: 14<sup>th</sup> April 1950

Date of Joining the Sri Lanka Navy: 01 July 1969

Date of Retiring from the Navy: 01 April 1998

Appointment held at the time of

Retirement from the Sri Lanka Navy: **Chief of Staff**

### OVERVIEW

Exposed to a wide range of experience in the fields of **Maritime** and **Defence** related activities at the highest levels under challenging circumstances for the past forty two years.

Experience gained while serving the state sector cover the periods served in the Sri Lanka Navy for thirty years, various appointments held onboard merchant vessels, duties performed as Harbour Master of the Kankasanturai Port (Northern commercial harbour in Sri Lanka) and as the Deputy Director General of the Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP) in Sri Lanka.

Has eleven years of experience in owning and managing M/S 'Seven Sails Shipping and Maritime' since leaving the Sri Lanka Navy. This Company is engaged in the business of chartering of vessels, ship management and shipping agency activities. The Company's latest additions to its business



portfolio are, providing of Maritime Security Solutions, providing of well experienced, legally authorized armed security teams to other authorized Companies engaged in Maritime Security Services, and providing Logistics and Agency services to such Companies.

Armed with this vivid experience, he is now looking forward to join hands with promising and capable business owners overseas in order to grasp opportunities and handle sizable and more rewarding segments of the business fields discussed above.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Managing Director, 'Seven Sails Shipping & Maritime (Pvt) Ltd. ( 08 December 2009 to date).
- Sole Proprietor and CEO, 'Seven Sails Shipping & Maritime'. (16<sup>th</sup> April 2001 to date).
- Deputy Director General, Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP), Government of Sri Lanka ( 14<sup>th</sup> February 2002 to 01 July 2004 ).
- Served the Regular Force of the Sri Lanka Navy from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1969 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 1998. He joined the Navy as an Officer Cadet. Promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1994 and held the appointment of Chief of Staff (2<sup>nd</sup> in Command of the Navy) at the time of retirement. Some of the important appointments held were as follows:
  - Acting Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy (at 3 different occasions).
  - Chief of Staff of the Sri Lanka Navy (2<sup>nd</sup> in Command of the Navy. (1) From Sep 93 to Jun 94. (2) From 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 97 to 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 98).
  - Commander Eastern Naval Area ( at 3 different occasions since 1993).

- Commander Northern Naval Area (at 2 different occasions since 1989).
- Director Naval Personal and Training.
- Commandant, Naval and Maritime Academy (NMA).
- Officer in Charge of the Nautical School and the acting Training Commander of the NMA.
- Commanded four major sea – going vessels (commissioned vessels).
- Harbour Master and the *Chief Pilot of* the Port of Kankasanturai, Sri Lanka [ (1) From 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 89 to Apr 90. (2) From 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 92 to 13 Jan 93].
- Ceylon Shipping Corporation – Sailed onboard MV Lanka Kalyani in 1972/ 1973 and onboard MV Lanka Kanthi as 2nd Officer.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Degree from the National Defence College of New Delhi [ This Joint Services Course (or it's equivalent) is the highest available professional qualification to a service officer. Entitle to use title ndc].
- Certificate for Post Graduate Studies, conducted at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, India (entitle to use title PSC). This Joint Services Course qualifies an officer to hold Higher Command and to perform Senior Staff Duties.
- Successful completion of the Course on 'The Law of Armed Conflict' conducted by the ICRC.

- Infantry training and Counter Revolutionary Warfare Course conducted by the Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee.
- Competency Certificate for Masters for Merchant Shipping.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- Master's Degree in Defence Studies [ M.Sc.(DS)] from the University of Allahabad in 1995.
- Master's Degree in Defence Studies [M.Sc.(DS)] from the University of Madras in 1983 with an overall grade 'A'.
- Post Graduate Diploma in International Affairs [P.Gr.Dip.(Int.Aff.)], Conducted by the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies, Colombo.
- Certificate Course on Professional Diplomacy, Diplomatic Procedure and Institutions, conducted at the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies.

## **EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- Hands on experience in handling, maintenance and management of vessels of many categories and eight years of sea-going experience ( four years as Captain/Master).
- Chartering, Agency work and ship-management.

- Harbour management and pilotage.
- Fleet management.
- Management of large Dockyards, Repair and maintenance organizations.
- Training of sea-going officers and seamen, Management of Maritime training establishments.
- Placed in an advantageous position to coordinate activities with State bodies and Commercial organizations.
- Project management skills in the field of maritime activities.
- Personal interaction with serving and retired Senior Naval officers, Military officers and senior government officials in South Asian region.
- Participated in National Security Council(NSC) meetings as Acting Commander of the Navy. The NSC comprise of the President, Deputy Minister of Defence, Secretary to the President, Secretary Ministry of Defence, the 3 Armed Services Chiefs and the Inspector General of Police.
- Experience in heading Technical Evaluation Committees (TEC) of multi-million dollar projects on buying and chartering of vessels, maritime construction work and in related fields.
- Functioning as Chairman of Departmental Tender Boards.