

## P8 JEDI (Joint Exploration & Discussion of Initiatives)



Over 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, RAF Lossiemouth hosted around 100 personnel from five Poseidon nations (UK, US, Canada, Norway, Germany) for the JEDI (Joint Exploration and Discussion of Initiatives) conference. This involved talks from all nations updating each other on progress since the last JEDI conference, working groups discussing the topics: tactical development, operational planning, maintenance, mission support, training, base support and back briefs from these. The working groups discussed matters arising since the last gathering, how to tackle these in the future and went away with tasks for their nation to work on. Throughout the conference, several socials were also organised including a traditional Scottish Burn's Supper.

## FS Justin "Jezza" Morris



After 35 years of service FS Justin "Jezza" Morris is leaving the RAF. During his time Jezza served on 201 Sqn, 120 Sqn and 201 Sqn. Additionally, he completed tours in

Kinloss Ops and the MAOC at Northwood. Jezza has been instrumental in maintaining the heritage of Maritime Patrol, in particular informing a new generation of fellow "Kipper Fleet" personnel. The local air museum Morayvia will benefit from Jezza's enthusiasm and depth of knowledge of Maritime History.



## MAcr Ken Young

After 40 years of dedicated service MAcr Ken Young has retired from the RAF. Ken joined in 1984 and completed his Nimrod conversion course on 236 OCU. After a brief spell on 42(TB) Sqn at St Mawgan he joined 206 Sqn at Kinloss. Promoted to FS, Ken spent 3 years as an Air Instructor prior to a further tour as Ground Instructor during the period when 236 OCU became 42(R) Sqn. Ken's talent was recognised by the awarding of an AOC's commendation for his instructional effort. For those who know Ken they know just how much effort he puts into every lesson. Promoted to MAcr in Jan 1999 Ken moved to 120 Sqn prior to the Nimrod Standardisation Unit and was subsequently awarded an 'A' Cat (Combat Ready Select) the highest professional accolade. Moving to the Post Graduate School Ken was pivotal in the introduction of several Nimrod capabilities, such as Link 11, the Terma Defensive Aids suite and the Mobile Integrated Communication System. Following the demise of the Nimrod, Ken was selected for the "Seedcorn" exchange, electing to serve at NAS Patuxent River on VX-1 conducting Operational Test & Evaluation on the P8. For 2 ½ years of his time at Pax River, he also double hatted as a Mission Payload Operator and Assistant to the Test Director on MQ-4C Triton. Returning to RAF Lossiemouth in 2019

Ken instructed on the UK Poseidon MRA1 (P-8) until his retirement. Ken has left some large shoes to be filled in the UK Maritime Patrol capability.

**Sqn Ldr Stuart Ian Roxburgh BSc(ENG) cfs  
RAF**



We also said farewell recently to Sqn Ldr “Roxy” Roxburgh recently. Roxy was commissioned on Battle of Britain Day (15<sup>th</sup> September) 1985. Following Initial Officer Training and Flying Training at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Royal Air Force Church Fenton and Royal Air Force Finningley he was selected as a Nimrod pilot. He attended No 236 Operational Conversion Unit at Royal Air Force Kinloss and was posted to No 206 Squadron where he eventually became a crew captain and was involved in world-wide maritime patrol operations. In 2000 he was selected to attend Central Flying School as a Qualified Flying Instructor, where he instructed on the Tutor at Yorkshire Universities Air Squadron, Liverpool University Air Squadron, Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde Air Squadron and Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron (twice). He also instructed on the Nimrod Operational Conversion Unit – No 42 (Reserve) Squadron

as Chief Flying Instructor. Prior to the removal from Service of the Nimrod MR2, he was a STANEVAL Examiner, Command Instrument Rating Examiner and Post Maintenance Test Pilot. Prior to the cancellation of the Nimrod MRA4, he has been a student on the Operational Conversion Unit, intending to become Pilot Leader on No 201 Squadron. He attended US Navy Poseidon Conversion at NAS Jacksonville in 2019 and was assigned to CXX Sqn as Aircraft Commander prior to delivering instruction on No 201 Squadron and, when it stood up, on No 42 (Torpedo Bomber) Squadron as Flight Commander Training. He also wore the hats of Poseidon STANEVAL Agent and Poseidon CFS Agent. On leaving the Service in 2025, Roxburgh continued to instruct the next generation of Poseidon aircrew as a member of Boeing Defence UK’s pilot instructor cadre.