

SNMCMG1 visited by Commander of United Kingdom Task Group

On Sunday, October 10, the Flagship of Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group One – ORP “Admiral Czernicki” was visited by Commander of UK Task Group – Commodore James Morse. He arrived onboard to get accustomed with the main mission and capabilities of SNMCMG1 and to witness the command structure and battle rhythm during Joint Warrior Exercise.

The Commodore arrived by helicopter and was welcomed by Commander of SNMCMG1 – Cdr Krzysztof Jan Rybak. After short conversation in Flag Captain’s quarters, the Commodore was introduced to the ship’s bridge. He had a short conversation with the officer of the watch, and the Captain about ‘pros and cons’ of this vessel acting as flagship for the NATO Forces.

In the operations room the commodore was introduced to the Staff of SNMCMG1, and briefed on the chain of command, and commanding process. During Joint Warrior the Staff is responsible for tasking 13 ships from seven countries and a special Fleet Diving Unit for underwater and amphibious operations. The rhythm of the day was an introduction to how the Staff deals with every day’s duties and responsibilities, as well as to what is the main task and mission of the Group.

This part was explained during traditional Polish Sunday’s dinner in the wardroom, where all other interesting issues were touched. Commodore Morse had a “minehunting episode” in his career, therefore he expressed his true admiration to what the Staff and the Flagship is doing, not only during the Joint Warrior exercise off coast of Scotland, but also throughout the year in northern Europe.