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**Commodore WDEM Sudarshana, RSP,USP,psc,
MSc(D&SS),MA (SSS)**
Deputy Area Commander, Eastern Naval Area
Sri Lanka Navy

At present Commodore Meril Sudarshana holds the appointment of the Deputy Area Commander of Eastern Naval Area. He hails from Hanwella, is a product of St. Thomas' College Gurutalawa. He is married to Ayoni Wickramasinghe and blessed with two sons.

He joined the Sri Lanka Navy in 1986 as a Cadet and followed his basic training at the Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee. He was Commissioned in the Executive branch of SLN in 1988 and followed his Sub Lieutenant's Technical course in Indian Navy. He did his specialization course in Pakistan Navy in Anti-Submarine Warfare. He is a graduate of Command and Staff College, Wellington India and very recently graduated from the National Defence University Beijing, China. In addition he has followed 'Counter Terrorism Fellowship Course' at National Defence University Washington DC. He is conferred with two master's degrees from University of Madras and from National Defence University Washington DC.

He has held many appointments at sea and ashore. He has Commanded many sea units of SLN which include Fast Attack Craft, Fast Gun Boats, Fast Personnel Carrier, Auxiliaries, and a Fast Missile Ship. An addition he has Commanded three ashore bases and has held many important appointments such as Director Naval Personnel, Director Sports, Naval Assistant to Commander of the Navy and Deputy Area Commander North.

He has been awarded with a gallantry medal Rana Sura Padakkama (RSP) for his performance at sea during the conflict. In addition he has been awarded with many other medals for his service, conduct and contribution towards the war effort against terrorism.