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Rear Admiral (RDML) Sebo Hofkamp was born in 1966 and entered the Royal Netherlands Naval Academy in 1984. After receiving his commission in March 1988, he served as a bridge watch keeping officer on board the flagship HNLMS Tromp. In 1991, after finishing a year of additional study at the Technical University of Eindhoven, he then served as an exchange officer on the German frigate FGS Niedersachsen for a NATO deployment.

In 1993 he qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer, specialized in air defense and communications. Consequently he joined the Air Defense Frigate HNLMS Witte de With and one year later the S-class Frigate Pieter Florisz as air defense officer and boarding officer for the embargo operations. Both frigates participated in the UN-operation 'Sharp Guard' near the coast of former Yugoslavia. In 1996 Lieutenant Hofkamp was transferred to The Hague to become project officer for communication systems at the material department of the Ministry of Defense. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander as of March 1999 and deployed as Head of the operations department onboard the M-class Frigate HNLMS Van Speijk. In November 2000 he assumed command of HNLMS Willemstad, an 'Alkmaar' class mine hunter and participated for six months in the NATO Mine Counter Measures Group.

From 2003 till 2005 he joined the Naval Staff in The Hague. In 2006 he completed the Advanced Staff Course of the Netherlands Defense Academy and has been awarded the degree of Executive Master of Security and Defense. After being promoted to Commander he served for two years as the executive officer of the Landing Platform Dock, HNLMS Rotterdam. In 2008 he was assigned as Head Above Water Warfare at the MoD/Requirements Division. In June 2009 he was given command of the Air Defense and Command Frigate HNLMS De Ruyter and participated as a NATO flagship in operation Active Endeavour near the coast of Libya.

In January 2013 he became the Executive Assistant and Director of Personal Staff of the Commander Royal Netherlands Navy as Captain. In October 2015 he was transferred to the MoD as Director Naval Plans and Requirements to work on the major naval replacement programs. In September 2018 he returned to the amphibious LPD HNLMS Rotterdam, this time as the Commanding Officer.

Curriculum Vitae

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On July 15, 2021, flag officer RDML Hofkamp was appointed the Netherlands Defense Attaché to the United States of America at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Washington D.C.

Rear Admiral Hofkamp is married to Hilda. They have two daughters who also reside in Washington D.C. His hobbies include cycling, golf, field hockey and sailing.