

Promotions, new jobs and retirements in the UK Armed Forces. One stars on next page

It is our intention to publish brief biographies of all officers serving at three and four star levels



Lieutenant-General John Gordon Lorimer, DSO MBE is about to leave the post of Deputy Commander, ISAF. Born 1962, he read Arabic and Islamic Studies at Cambridge. Commissioned into the Parachute Regiment 1982, his early service included commanding at platoon, company and battalion levels, including in Belize, Norway, Northern Ireland and Iraq.

Promoted to lieutenant 1984, to captain 1988 and to major 1994. Served in the Ministry of Defence from 1998-2000. Promoted to lieutenant-colonel 1999 and to colonel on 2003. Appointed Commander of 12th Mechanised Brigade in June 2005. Deployed to Iraq and then Afghanistan. Promoted to brigadier 2005, to major general 2010. Appointed as the Chief of the Defence Staff's Strategic Communications Officer. Appointed General Officer Commanding 3rd (UK) Mechanised Division 2011. Promoted to lieutenant general 2013, appointed Deputy Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). In February 2014, it was announced that Lorimer would become Chief of Joint Operations from January 2015.

Major General James M Cowan CBE, DSO to succeed Maj General P N Y M Sanders CBE, DSO as GOC 3rd (UK) Division in April 2015

Lord Beaverbrook appointed hon Air Vice Marshal and Hon Inspector General of Royal Auxiliary Air Force wef 5th July 2014

Air Cdre S A Richardson to succeed Air Cdre C Jones (who is retiring) as Head C4ISR Jt Forces Command Sept 2014

Air Cdre M E Sampson DSO to succeed Actg Air Cdre A K Gillespie as AOC No 83 Expeditionary Air Gp & UK Air Component Cdr Al Udeid, Qatar in December 2014

Act Air Cdre D J E Cooper CBE to be promoted Air Cdre and succeed Air Cdre M E Sampson DSO Jt Force Air Component Cdr, HQ Air Command wef 15th July 2014

Gp Captain C J Moore to be promoted Air Cdre, succeed Air Cdre S A Richardson as Air Officer A^ & A^ Force Cdr, HQ Air Command wef September 2014

## RETIREMENTS July 2014

Brigadier S J Downey

Brigadier R D Meinertzhagen

Brigadier D J Greenwood

Brigadier R Haldenby