



## **LIEUTENANT GENERAL A D LEAKEY CMG CBE**

Lieutenant General David Leakey was born in 1952, educated at Sherborne School, at Cambridge University where he read Law, and at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

He was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment in 1971, and has served in UK, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Germany, the Balkans and in Canada. His tours of Regimental Duty have included time in the armoured recce role and, mostly, on tanks.

He attended the Army Staff College at Camberley in 1984. His subsequent appointments were as Chief of Staff 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade (Germany), Military Assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff and Commanding Officer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment.

In 1993 he was Colonel Military Operations 3 in the MOD with responsibility for Operations Planning and Policy covering Eastern and Western Europe, and specifically the Former Yugoslavia. During this appointment in 1995 he attended the Higher Command and Staff Course at Camberley and, later that year, was the UK Military Representative in Dayton at the Bosnia peace negotiations.

Whilst commanding 20 Armoured Brigade based in Germany in 1996/7, he deployed as part of the NATO (IFOR and SFOR) operation in Bosnia. He was Director of Military Operations in the Ministry of Defence 1997-1999 and subsequently attended the Royal College of Defence Studies before assuming the post of Chief of Staff Northern Ireland in 2001. He left Northern Ireland on promotion to Major General to take up the appointment of Director General Army Training and Recruiting from 2002 to 2004. He commanded the European Force (EUFOR) responsible for peace and security in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2004/5. He was appointed Director General of the European Union Military Staff in Brussels on promotion to Lieutenant General from 28 February 2007.

He has a keen interest in classical music and is a (very) amateur pianist and singer. He remains an enthusiastic and vigorous all round games player having played squash at Army and national level and numerous other sports at lower representative levels. He enjoys tennis, shooting, golf, skiing, board sailing, and chain sawing. He is Colonel Commandant of the Royal Tank Regiment, President of Army Squash, a Governor of the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, Honorary Colonel of Army Cadet Force Music, Patron of the Dorset Yeomanry, and Chairman of a small property management company. He is married and has two sons.