

## **GENERAL SIR ROGER WHEELER GCB CBE**

General Sir Roger Wheeler was Chief of the General Staff, the professional head of the Army, for three years from 1997-2000, prior to which as Commander in Chief Land Forces he was Joint Commander of the United Kingdom's forces deployed on NATO operation in Bosnia. He assumed that appointment following three years as General Officer Commanding and Director of Military Operations in Northern Ireland. Earlier he held a variety of command and key executive staff appointments in MOD, Germany, the Falkland Islands and Cyprus. As Chief of the General Staff he chaired the Executive Committee of the Army Board, and was the Government's principal adviser on Army aspects of the Strategic Defence Review and the deployment of forces to Kosovo and East Timor.

After leaving the Army, General Wheeler became a non-executive Director with Thales plc and Aegis Defence Services Ltd. He is Chairman of the Trustees of the Tank Museum, Bovington, President of the Forces Pension Society and Vice-President of Sandes Homes, a Services' welfare organisation. He is an Honorary Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Patron of the Police Foundation, and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers.

General Wheeler held the appointment of Constable of HM Tower of London from 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2009 during which period he was a Trustee of the Historic Royal Palaces and the Royal Armouries. He was also President of Combat Stress, the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society from 2001-2009, and a Director of the Serious Organised Crime Agency from 2005-2009.