

MAJOR GENERAL SIR SEBASTIAN ROBERTS KCVO OBE

The eldest of 10 children, Sebastian Roberts was born in 1954 and educated at Ampleforth and Balliol College Oxford where he read Modern History. He was commissioned into the Irish Guards in 1977. He served in the 1st Battalion Irish Guards in Germany, Belize, Rhodesia, and Northern Ireland as well as in England, as a platoon and company commander, and commanded the Battalion 1993-6. His staff appointments included Chief of Staff 4th Armoured Brigade in West Germany, Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff, and later the Colonel responsible for Military Doctrine, when he wrote the British Army's doctrine of the Moral Component "Soldiering: the Military Covenant". He then became the Army's last Director of Public Relations. He was General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division from 2003-7. He was Chief of Staff of the Royal College of Defence Studies, the United Kingdom's strategic level College (where he wrote "the Strategy Handbook"), from 2007-10, when he retired. He was Colonel of the Irish Guards until 2011, when he handed over to HRH the Duke of Cambridge. He has also served as Honorary Colonel of the Media Operations Group (Volunteers), of 256 (City of London) Field Hospital (Volunteers) and of the London Irish Rifles. Since retiring he has set up The Military Mutual, of which he is now Chairman, an insurance mutual for members of the Armed Forces, serving and retired, and their families. He sits on the boards of several charities, and leads occasional battlefield tours. He is married to Elizabeth; they have two sons and two daughters; both sons were in the Irish Guards, as were two of his 6 brothers. His recreations are "painting and drawing, conversation, rebus letters, public speaking, prayer, eating, drinking, travelling, reading, writing and 9 brothers and sisters". (To which should be added his mother...see latest photograph attached).

