

## **David Short Brigadier (Retired) CBE, late AAC**

**BA (Hons) Geography**

**Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)**

**Joint Services Command and Staff College - Directing Staff**

**Chartered Manager (Fellow) Chartered Management Institute (CMI)**

David Short is from Northumberland and was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Durham and Cambridge Universities. He attended the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in 1983.

After time with the Infantry, he moved on to the Army Air Corps and after flying tours in Germany and Northern Ireland he returned to the Army Staff College at Camberley in 1994. Following a staff tour with the Headquarters of the Allied Command Europe, Rapid Reaction Corps, during which time he deployed to Bosnia for a year with NATO's Implementation Force, he went back to Germany to command his squadron.

On promotion, he became a member of the Directing Staff at the Joint Services Command and Staff College and this was followed rapidly by an exchange tour at the US Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA. Following this, he returned to command his Regiment in Dishforth, North Yorkshire, during which time he introduced the Apache attack helicopter into the Field Army.

On promotion to Colonel, he went on to be the Director of the Strategic Direction Centre at the Headquarters of the Supreme Commander Allied Powers Europe during which time he oversaw: NATO's ISAF mission expand across the whole of Afghanistan; the establishment of training missions in Iraq and Darfur; the handover of NATO's mission in Bosnia to the European Union; the downsizing of NATO's forces in Kosovo and NATO's emergency relief operations following the earthquake disaster in Pakistan. He was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours List 2006 for his contribution to NATO Operations.

On promotion to Brigadier, he became the Director of Army Aviation (Army Air Corps) and also held the post of Director of Development in the newly formed Joint Helicopter Command. As Director of Army Aviation, he was responsible for the career management of, and personnel policies for over 2,500 officers and soldiers. After 30 years of service he moved to be the General Secretary of the Combined and Army Cadet Force Associations in London.

In 2016 he established his own consultancy company. Having worked for the Chartered Management Institute and Northampton University, in 2017, he joined HJS Personnel Services and brings with him a wealth of defence operational and personnel management experience. He is also a 'pro-bono', Non Executive Director at Skyhunter.global and now dedicates his time in support of the protection of endangered species in Africa.



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