



## Colonel Robert Martin OBE DL

Robert Martin was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Royal Green Jackets (RGJ) in 1972. In the period 1973 -1985 he served with 1 RGJ in Germany, Northern Ireland, London and Hong Kong ; was ADC to General Frank Kitson , GOC 2nd Armoured Division, Adjutant at Eton, and served on the staff of British Forces HQ in the Falkland Islands and 49 Infantry Brigade.

Following a course at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, he was promoted to Major, and in 1986 attended the Army Command and Staff College Quetta, on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border. From Staff College he was posted in 1987 as a Company Commander back to 1st Battalion, Royal Green Jackets in Germany, Canada and South Armagh.



In 1991, he assumed an appointment as Training Major 7th (Durham) Battalion, The Light Infantry, a busy NATO-roled, TA Infantry Battalion. In 1993 he moved on promotion to Lieutenant Colonel to be the Commanding Officer of the Mozambique Training Team and Nyanga Battalion Battle School.

From Africa he returned to Oxford to command the 5th Volunteer Battalion The Royal Green Jackets in 1994. In 1997 he was posted on Loan Service as Training Advisor, HQ Royal Army of Oman, and subsequently on an operational tour as Commander the Coalition Press Information Office HQ Stabilisation Force in Sarajevo, responsible for all Media Operations in Bosnia-Herzgovina.

He was promoted to Colonel in 2000 and moved to Damascus in 2001 as Defence Attaché. In 2005 Colonel Martin served 3 years as the Defence Attaché based in Guatemala, but with responsibility also for Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador. He also ran the Guatemala/Belize Language Exchange Project, the UK's principal peacekeeping effort in Central America.

On completion of this posting in 2008, he retired from the Army and returned home to Leicestershire.

Robert is married to Janie, and they have three children. His great uncle was Chairman of the County Council for 36 years, and his father was Lord Lieutenant for 24 years.

Colonel Martin is County President of the Royal British Legion, and also President of St John's Ambulance and President for Scouting in the County. He is also a Trustee of Warning Zone, The Bradgate Park Trust, The Outwoods, and the Tobias Rustat Charity. Robert actively supports a number of other charities and organisations, particularly those associated with the Armed Forces, and those encouraging active youth participation in community service and enjoyment of the countryside, such as the Scouts, Guides, Sea Rangers and Cadet Forces.

Colonel Martin served as High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 2010/11 and became a Deputy Lieutenant in 2010.