



CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMY RUGBY UNION

MAJOR GENERAL R L KIRKLAND CBE MA (LATE GREEN HOWARDS) GOC 4th DIVISION

Major General Lamont Kirkland was born in Ayr, Scotland and educated at Strathallan School. He entered RMA Sandhurst in 1975 with an Army Scholarship and spent 15 years in the Royal Engineers before transferring to the Infantry (Green Howards). As a young officer he served with 9 Parachute Squadron and completed tours in Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Belize and Sierra Leone. In the Infantry, he commanded on operations in Northern Ireland and in Bosnia, where he was CO of an armoured infantry battlegroup in SFOR in 1996/7.

On the staff he has served in Army, Joint and International appointments, mainly in strategy, concepts and operational posts. This included being Chief of Staff of 24 Airmobile Brigade, Military Assistant to the Adjutant General and J3 Team Leader in the Permanent Joint HQ during the Kosovo crisis in 1999. He completed 2 tours in NATO between 1999 and 2004; the first in HQ NATO in Brussels; the second in HQ Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk Virginia, where he led the NATO Transformation Team. Returning to UK in 2004 he became Director Land Warfare during which he published the Army's top level doctrine, ADP Land Operations. Subsequently, this post became Director Land in the Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre. He spent a short time as Director Army Personnel Strategy before assuming command of 4th Division in November 2008.

Major General Kirkland attended the Army Staff College in 1989 and the Australian Defence College in Canberra in 2002. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies.

Major General Kirkland was awarded the OBE for operational service in Bosnia and the CBE for his work on NATO Transformation. He represented the Army and Hampshire in both rugby and athletics, remains a keen sportsman and enjoys game shooting. He was appointed Chairman of the Army Rugby Union on 3 May 2009. He is also Chairman of the Army Winter Sports Association and the President of Army Boxing. He is married with two teenage children and rides a Harley.