

Wing Commander (Ret'd) Andrew Brookes

Director

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Andrew Brookes completed RAF pilot training after graduating from Leeds University. Following recce and strike tours on 543, 85, 100, 35 and 101 Squadrons, during which he logged 3,500 flying hours, he joined the tri-service policy and plans staff of Commander British Forces, Hong Kong. After a spell in the RAF Inspectorate of Flight Safety, he was appointed as the last operational RAF Commander at the Greenham Common cruise missile base. He spent a year studying International Relations at Downing College, Cambridge, before becoming a Group Director at the RAF Advanced Staff College and then co-ordinator of air power studies at the Joint Services Command and Staff College. His final tour was in MoD Consultancy and Management Services. From 1999-2009 he was Aerospace specialist at the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Andrew is now Director of the Air League. He publishes and broadcasts widely. He received the Defence Aerospace Journalist of the Year Award in 2004 and 2006. In 2009 he was awarded the C P Robertson Memorial Trophy for the best interpretation of the Royal Air Force to the public. He has written fourteen aviation books of which the latest, 'Victor Units in the Cold War', was published by Osprey earlier this year. Andrew is a Liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute. He is governor of his local primary school.