

Col Simon Diggins OBE M Phil BA(Hons) psc psc(j) (Late RRF), DACOS Mission Support and Training, Joint Warfare, **Joint Forces Command**

Col Diggins was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (RRF) in 1978 and enjoyed a full career with them, including tours in NI, Cyprus, Germany and Canada. He also served two years with the Sultan of Oman's Army in 1990-91, coinciding with the 1st Gulf War where he was the Omani LO to the USMC. Staff appointments have included DCOS 24 Airmobile Bde, SO1 G3 Ops in HQ ARRC and tours as DS in the Army Staff College, JSCSC and the Ghanaian Staff College. During the latter tour, whilst running a project in Sierra Leone he was seconded to JFHQ during the May 2000 crisis in that country (Op PALLISER) and was subsequently awarded an OBE. More recently, he was the MA to the UN SRSG in Iraq (2004-5), DA Kabul (2008-10) and prior to his current appointment, was the Deputy Planner to the US Task Force in the Horn of Africa (Dep CJ5 CJTF HOA). In his current appointment, he is responsible for setting Training Policy and Standards for all deployed personnel and formations, establishing a joint training programme for the UK's High Readiness Formations out to 2022 and acting as a point of focus for Joint Force simulation and synthetic environment issues. Col Diggins has a BA (Hons) from Durham and an M Phil from Cambridge. He has two sons (19,17) and now, with his partner, Sabina, a Consultant Child Psychiatrist, is raising a lively 20-month daughter.