

News story: New study into Iraq and Afghanistan veterans launched

The Ministry of Defence has launched a new study into the causes of death of military personnel who deployed on combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

News story: Joint Forces Command appoints new Director of Overseas Bases

Alison Stevenson has been appointed as the first Director of Overseas Bases. Since May 2015 she has been the Director Head Office in the Ministry of Defence (MOD), responsible for the financial and corporate management of the Head Office, and is also the Gender Champion for the MOD.

Prior to this, Alison was the Head of NATO and Europe Policy. She was responsible for UK defence policy objectives for international security organisations; and for developing defence bilateral relations with our European allies and partners; a role requiring extensive cross-government and international engagement.

Alison initially trained within MOD as an electronic engineer. She has undertaken a range of senior policy and corporate roles in the department.

General Deverell said:

I am delighted to announce Alison's appointment as the new Director of Overseas Bases. She is an outstanding hire for Joint Forces Command, who brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge, and leadership to her new role.

Alison Stevenson said:

It's fantastic to be joining Joint Forces Command at a time when our Overseas Bases, and the people who work in them, have never been more important in projecting our global military influence as well as contributing to regional security and Global Britain. I join an excellent team and look forward to working with them.

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Commander of Joint Forces Command General Chris Deverell welcomes Alison Stevenson as the first Director of Overseas Bases.

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Armed Forces Minister Mark Lancaster:

With the Arctic and Far North becoming increasingly militarised, it is now more important than ever for the UK and our NATO Allies to train across a range of challenging environments.

This exercise will truly test our ability to deter any aggression we may face in an era of intensifying threats.

Over the course of the next 10 days Army personnel will integrate with fellow troops from Denmark and Poland – sharing equipment, drills and personnel to form a multinational, combat-ready brigade.

Once complete British infantry and armoured reconnaissance vehicles, Danish main battle tanks and Polish armoured fighting vehicles will then conduct a week-long live exercise alongside brigades led by Germany and Italy against a fictitious invading enemy in defensive and offensive operations.

In total there will be 2,700 UK Armed Forces personnel as well as six Royal Navy ships, 480 vehicles and Royal Air Force Hawk aircraft.

With some 150 aircraft, 40,000 participants and 10,000 vehicles, Exercise Trident Juncture is the largest collective defence exercise NATO has seen in

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