

# New DCOM appointed

## Major General RGT ROGER LANE CBE Deputy Commander HQ NATO RAPID DEPLOYABLE CORPS - IT

Major General Roger LANE was commissioned into the Royal Marines in September 1972, and following training he was appointed as a Troop Commander in 41 Commando, where he saw service in the evacuation of Cyprus, following the Turkish intervention. After a spell training recruits, he became the OC of a RM detachment onboard HMS ZULU, qualifying as a bridge watch keeper and Flight Deck Officer. From 1979-80, he was employed in Special Duties in Northern Ireland, where he was awarded a Mention in Despatch. He became the Adjutant of 42 Commando, before becoming SO3 G1 Personnel in HQ 3 Commando Brigade. He was then selected for Staff College in Toronto, Canada, following which he returned to a SO2 appointment, responsible for Operations, NATO Plans and procurement issues. He returned to 42 Commando as Operations Officer, before commanding a company, which included a tour in West Belfast, for which he received another Mention in Despatch.

He then attended the Joint Services Command and Staff Course at Greenwich, before undertaking the SO2 Northern Ireland Operational Policy appointment in MOD, for which he was awarded an OBE. After almost 3 years there, he was made the RM Representative to the United States Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia, following which he commanded 42 Commando, elements of which conducted 7 operations during his tenure and he completed his 7th winter of training in Norway. He was then appointed to Headquarters Royal Marines, responsible for the collective training, security and operational deployment of the Corps. In 2000, he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, before moving to

Shrivenham to undertake the Higher Command and Staff Course.

In March 2001, he was appointed Commander 3 Commando Brigade, overseeing the Presentation of Colours to the three commando units in a large ceremonial parade, before deploying on a large-scale exercise to the Oman where he was a Land Component Commander. Concurrently, he was the Commander of NATO's UK/NL Landing Force, although national operational deployments precluded exercising in this role. He subsequently deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 as the Commander of the British Forces on Op JACANA, for which he received a CBE and the US Bronze Star.



He was then appointed Director of the Higher Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, responsible for training and educating the UK's senior operational commanders at the OF5/6 level in Operational Art and campaigning, as well as being the Assistant Commandant (Maritime), responsible for the delivery of all elements of maritime training and education at the College. He was promoted to

Major General in November 2003, on assuming his new appointment as the Deputy Commander of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps-Italy.

He is married to Nicky, and they have 2 children, Hannah (11) and Peter (7). His interests include sailing, fly-fishing, skiing, gardening and genealogy. He is writing a book on his experiences in Afghanistan.