

Session summary and speaker biographies

Session Title: Leadership in Critical Care

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To follow

Session date & time: Monday 8th September 2014: 09:30 – 10:10

Facilitated by:

MAJOR GENERAL EWAN B CARMICHAEL MBE QHDS L/RADC

Director General Army Medical Services

Major General Carmichael is Director General Army Medical Services. He trained as a Dental Surgeon at Glasgow University, entering the Regular Army in 1982. Initially practising as a Royal Army Dental Corps Dental Officer in various roles and settings, not least of all two years spent in Northern Ireland, five winter attachments in Norway with the Ace Mobile Force (Land), and as a general dental practice trainer, he has tallied up more hours in command and staff appointments within the broader kirk of the Army Medical Services.

Following Armoured Squadron command with 4 Armoured Field Ambulance in the British Army of the Rhine (from which he deployed on Operation GRANBY (the first Gulf War) supporting the Divisional Artillery Group), he attended Army Staff College. He later commanded 19 (Airmobile) Field Ambulance which he merged with 23 (Parachute) Field Ambulance to form 16 Close Support Medical Regiment. Elements of the unit deployed on seven separate operations within the unit's first two and a half years.

Major General Carmichael was Commander Medical 3 (United Kingdom) Division (including for Operation TELIC 2) before taking command of 2nd Medical Brigade and the Army Medical Services Field Training Centre. During this tenure, every one of the thirteen field hospitals deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

He has held various assignments at Staff, generally on the O&D, Force Development and Capability fronts. In the Joint arena he was Chief of Staff of the Defence Medical Education & Training Agency. A recent graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies, he has an MA in Strategy & Security Studies and a Fellowship of the Institute of Healthcare Management. He is honoured to be a commissioner of the Royal Hospital Chelsea and a governor of the Royal Star & Garter homes.

As President of Combined Services Martial Arts he entered, and was surprised to win, (at the cost of many bruises and a broken finger) one of the disciplines in a World Open historical fencing competition in Hanover in 2010. He is married to Carol, has two grown up children and enjoys history and the outdoors.