



**‘SUSTAINING THE FORCE – SOLDIER FIRST’
RUSI/SHEPHARD FUTURE LAND WARFARE CONFERENCE VIII**

12-13 June 2008

Organised in association with the British Army and supported by the Association of the US Army

Conference Concept:

This year’s conference will examine the role of armed forces in helping to defuse complex crises in the world today and will ask how the Army, the government and the nation at large can better support its soldiers to meet the challenges of these operational theatres.

Complex crises can be defined as situations in which fragile states need assistance with security, governance and with economic development. While the British Army may take a major role in such crises, national and international agencies along with other government departments will need to contribute in order for a successful strategic end-state to be achieved.

The conference will begin with perspectives of senior officers from the UK, US, Australian, Kenyan and French Armies. Operational updates from Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions will address how forces and other agencies are currently working to achieve better security in these countries. Speakers will then examine how a comprehensive approach through effective pan-government strategies, enhanced coalition interoperability, and a proper understanding of culture and motivation can enhance efforts in these theatres. The first day will finish with a panel of commanders and operators who will offer a practical perspective on some of the issues discussed earlier in the day.

The second day of the event will analyse how to sustain forces, examining the conceptual, moral and physical components. Speakers will look at recent developments in army doctrine, training and education. They will also examine the moral duty of the army and its nation to support and sustain the soldier, the veteran and their families; this is a growing commitment as operations endure in the Middle East. The Conference will, under the physical component, look at agile acquisition: balancing the need for a long term strategy to ensure progressive update of the full inventory of military equipment while meeting the pressing day-to-day needs of front line forces.

Organised once again in association with the British Army, this conference will bring together over 400 delegates including senior officers from the UK and allied nations, academics, civil servants and industry leaders to discuss the important role we all must play in sustaining our forces on the front line.

Conference Programme:

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2008

1930 for 2000 Speakers' Dinner, RUSI (Dress: Lounge Suit)

Key:

Normal Text	Proposed Speaker
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Invited Speaker</i>
Bold	Confirmed Speaker

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2008

0800 Registration and Coffee

SESSION ONE: KEYNOTE SESSION

Chair: **Professor Michael Clarke** (Director, RUSI) & **Lieutenant General (Ret'd) Theodore G Stroup** (Vice President, Education, Association of the US Army)

0900 **'Sustaining the Force – Soldier First'**
General Sir Richard Dannatt KCB CBE MC ADC Gen, Chief of the General Staff, British Army

0925 **'Developing Roles and Future Army Structure to Meet Complex Crises'**
General Charles "Hondo" Campbell US Army, Commander, US Army Forces Command, United States Army

0950 Discussion Session

1020 Morning Coffee

SESSION TWO: COMPLEX CRISES IN THE WORLD TODAY

Chair: **Lieutenant General Nick Houghton CBE** (Chief of Joint Operations, Permanent Joint Headquarters, Ministry of Defence)

1050 **'Iraq: Emerging Stability'**
Lieutenant General William Rollo CBE, Deputy Commanding General, Multi-National Force, Iraq

1110 **'Afghanistan: An Alliance Effort'**
Lieutenant General Jonathon Riley CB DSO PhD MA, Deputy Commander, International Security Assistance Force – Afghanistan, NATO

1130 **Lieutenant General Muhammad Masood Aslam**, Commander XI Corps (Peshawar), Pakistan Army

1150 **'Responding to Emerging Crises'**
The Hon Dr Gilbert Greenall CBE MD, UN Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs

1210 Discussion Session

1240 Lunch

SESSION THREE: SUSTAINING THE FORCE - THE CONCEPTUAL COMPONENT

- Chair: **Professor Hew Strachan MA, PhD, FRSE, FRHistS, Hon D.Univ (Paisley)** (Chichele Professor of the History of War, All Souls College, Oxford University)
- 1330 **'Designing Government Strategies and Drawing Them Together'**
Professor Colin Gray, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Reading
- 1350 **'Understanding Culture, Religion and Motivation'**
Dr Patrick Sookhdeo PhD DD FSI, Director, Institute for the Study of Islam and Christianity
- 1410 **'Developing the Comprehensive Approach'**
Major General Paul Newton CBE MPhil, Director General, Development Concepts and Doctrine Centre, Ministry of Defence, UK
- 1430 **'Land Power and the Future'**
Lieutenant General Michael A. Vane US Army, Deputy Commanding General, Futures and Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center.
- 1450 Discussion Session
- 1520 Afternoon Tea

SESSION FOUR: SUSTAINING THE FORCE – THE MORAL COMPONENT

- Chair: **Lieutenant General Sir Freddie Viggers KCB CMG MBE** (Adjutant General, British Army)
- 1545 **'The Military Covenant'**
Major General Sir Sebastian Roberts KCVO, Chief of Staff, Royal College of Defence Studies
- 1600 **'Managing & Delivering the Expectations'**
Brigadier Lamont Kirkland CBE MA, Director, Army Personnel Strategy, British Army
- 1615 **'Sustaining the Force - A Charity View'**
Mark Cann, Director, The British Forces Foundation
- 1630 **'The Education of an Army'**
Professor Hew Strachan MA, PhD, FRSE, FRHistS, Hon D.Univ (Paisley), Chichele Professor of the History of War, All Souls College, Oxford University
- 1645 Discussion Session

SESSION FIVE: SUSTAINING THE FORCE – PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FRONT

1710 Chair: **Frank Gardner OBE** (Security Correspondent, BBC News)

Panel Discussion:

- **Brigadier Andrew Mackay OBE**, Commander, 52 Brigade British Army
- **Lieutenant Commander Toby Everitt**, Senior Pilot, Naval Strike Wing, Joint Force Harrier
- **Rory Stewart OBE**, CEO, Turquoise Mountain Foundation

1800 Cocktail Reception

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2008

0800 Registration and Coffee

SESSION SIX: WORLD PERSPECTIVES

Chair: **Professor Michael Clarke** (Director, RUSI)

0900 ‘**After Iraq and Afghanistan – shall we ever intervene again**’

Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon GCMG KBE PC

0920 Discussion Session

0935 ‘**Opportunities for Europe**’

Major General Jacques Lechevallier, Deputy Chief of Staff, French Army

0955 ‘**The Canadian Army and Lessons Learned from Afghanistan**’

Lieutenant General Andrew Leslie CMM MSC MSM CD, Chief of Land Staff, Canadian Army

1015 ‘**African Solutions to African Problems**’

General Jeremiah M Kianga, Chief of General Staff, Kenya Armed Forces

1035 Discussion Session

1100 Morning Coffee

SESSION SEVEN: SUSTAINING THE FORCE - THE PHYSICAL COMPONENT: INTEGRATING THE FORCE

Chair: **Major General (ret’d) John Russell Jones OBE** (Army Adviser, BAE Systems)

1130 ‘**Preparing Warriors for Today and Tomorrow: An Exercise in Balance**’

Lieutenant General Ross Thompson US Army, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, United States Army

- 1150 `Long Term Strategy; Short Term Needs`
Lieutenant General Dick Applegate OBE, Chief of Materiel (Land), DE&S, Ministry of Defence
- 1210 `Networking the Information`
Lieutenant General (R) Joseph E. DeFrancisco, Army Strategic Account Executive, Senior Vice President, SAIC
- 1230 `Integrating the Force: Training`
Mr Hugh Ward, UK Country Manager, Saab Training Systems
- 1250 Discussion Session
- 1315 Lunch

SESSION EIGHT: SUSTAINING THE FORCE – THE PHYSICAL COMPONENT: NOVEL STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING AND EQUIPPING THE MAN

Chair: **K C Brown** (Business Development Director, Northrop Grumman)

- 1400 `Force Protection`
Sandy Wilson, Managing Director, General Dynamics UK
- 1415 `Partnering for Armoured Fighting Vehicles`
Jim Imrie, Managing Director Weapons & Vehicles, BAE Systems Land Systems
- 1430 `Capability Agility – Energy`
Frank Rozelaar, UK Technical Director, QinetiQ
- 1445 **Richard H. Edwards**, Vice President, Tactical Missiles/Combat Manoeuvre Systems, Lockheed Martin
- 1500 Discussion Session

SESSION NINE: SUSTAINING THE FORCE IN A COMPLEX WORLD

Chair: **Professor Michael Clarke** (Director, RUSI)

- 1530 `Modernisation for Full Spectrum Operations`
Lieutenant General Stephen Speakes US Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, United States Army
- 1545 `Keeping the High Intensity Warfare Flame Alive`
Lieutenant General Graeme Lamb CMG DSO OBE, Commander Field Army, British Army
- 1600 Discussion Session
- 1620 `Concluding Remarks`
General Sir Richard Dannatt KCB CBE MC ADC Gen, Chief of the General Staff, British Army
- 1630 Conference Ends