



Christopher J. Rose

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Curriculum vitae

Mr Rose was born in England in 1959. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Geochemistry from London University in 1980, and has a Masters in International Relations and Strategic Studies from Deakin University, Melbourne. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in the British Army in 1981 and rose to the rank of Brigadier, retiring from the Army in 2010 to take up the position of Director of Resources at NATO's Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA).

Before assuming his current position, Mr Rose served from 2007 to 2010 as the Executive Coordinator for the International Military Staff (IMS) in NATO HQ, where he was the Secretary to the Military Committee (in Permanent and Chiefs of Defence sessions), responsible for tasking the 500-strong IMS and for coordination between the IMS and the Secretary General's Private Office. He chaired the NATO HQ Enterprise Information Management Programme project board, established to select and implement a new IT system for the HQ; he also lead many other change management projects across the HQ.

Prior to his IMS posting, Mr Rose served as the Assistant Director, Individual Training for the British Army, responsible for setting and updating Army-wide training policy in the light of operational requirements. He was also the Inspector, British Army Physical and Adventurous Training and Sport during this time.

In 2006, Mr Rose was selected to attend the UK Royal College of Defence Studies, and attended the Australian Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies as the UK representative. During this year, he gained a Masters degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies.

From 2002 to 2005, Mr Rose gained further international political-military experience through representation as the Military Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (SACEUR), followed by two years as the Senior Staff Officer in the UK Delegation to NATO HQ and a year as the Chairman of the Headline Goal Task Force of the European Union during the UK Presidency.

Prior to 2002, Mr Rose attended the Geneva Centre for Security Policy International Training Course, and served as Commanding Officer of 39 Engineer Regiment, responsible for operational infrastructure support for deployed Royal Air Force detachments worldwide. Previous to this, Mr Rose enjoyed a varied career, including instructional posts at the Royal Military College of Science, and as a company commander at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, as well as senior staff appointments as a national intelligence analyst, a Chief of Staff, Regimental Colonel of the Royal Engineers, and troop and squadron command appointments; the latter including operational emergency deployments to Angola, the Falkland Islands, Northern Ireland, Kenya and the Balkans.

Mr Rose was awarded a Queen's Commendation for the work conducted during the UN deployment to Angola, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and a Fellow of the Australian Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. He is accompanied by his wife, a General Practitioner and their two daughters. He remains a keen if aging sportsman.