



**Matt Maer DSO MBE MA**

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Matt Maer entered Sandhurst in 1985, after graduating from London University. He was commissioned into the Queen's Regiment and served as a Platoon Commander and Intelligence Officer in Germany and Northern Ireland. As a Captain he trained the Mozambican Army in Zimbabwe and spent two years as an instructor on the Platoon Sergeant's Battle Course in Brecon, before returning to his Regiment. He deployed on three further operational tours of Northern Ireland, including in an intelligence role.

Following Staff College Matt was a Brigade Chief of Staff for three years, in which time he deployed to Bosnia (for which he was awarded the MBE). He returned to Regimental duty as a Company Commander, and once again to Bosnia.

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, and in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, he was posted to the MOD Intelligence Staff, where his job concerned international terrorism. From this post he was moved to Thames House and was a founder member and the first Chief of Staff of the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre.

He took command of his Regiment and led it in Iraq in 2004, during which time his unit was the most attacked in the British Army since the Korean War. He was awarded the DSO and a member of his Battalion, Johnson Beharry, the Victoria Cross

On promotion to Colonel he moved to UK's Permanent Joint Headquarters, where his responsibilities covered operational planning for Iraq, Afghanistan and the Global War on Terror.

On promotion to Brigadier Matt Maer was posted to the United States Headquarters responsible for Iraq and Afghanistan, where he served as the Deputy Plans officer to General Petraeus.

His final appointment in the Army was once more in the intelligence arena, in the MOD, responsible for intelligence concerning Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Matt left the Army after 27 years service and joined Canary Wharf Group as its Director of Security and Business Resilience in June 2012, just ahead of the London Olympics.