

REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Colonels-in-Chief

All members of the British Army swear allegiance to the Sovereign and up to and including the Battle of Dettingen in 1743 (in which the 12th Regiment of Foot, later to become the Suffolk Regiment, played a distinguished part) the King would usually lead his troops personally. The Sovereign remains the head of the Army but from the early 20th Century it became the practice for another member of the Royal Family, or sometimes a member of a foreign Royal Family, to be appointed as the Sovereign's ceremonial representative within some regiments, and the office became generally known as Colonel-in-Chief.

Those who have held this appointment in the Royal Anglian Regiment are as follows:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 1 September 1964 - 30 March 2002

The Honourable Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon was born on 4 August 1900 and spent her much of her childhood at the family home at St Pauls Walden Bury in Hertfordshire. On 26 April 1923 she married His Royal Highness The Duke of York, second son of King George V. The elder son succeeded his father, as King Edward VIII, but then abdicated on 11 December 1936 so that his younger brother became King George VI and his wife became Queen Elizabeth. When King George VI died on 6 February 1952 he was succeeded by the present Queen, and his widow assumed the title Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. She died on 30 March 2002.

The Queen Mother's first association with the Regiment was her appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 1st Battalion The Hertfordshire Regiment (TA) on 18 February 1938. She then became Colonel-in-Chief of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment on 9 September 1949, Colonel-in-Chief of the 3rd East Anglian Regiment on its formation on 2 June 1958, and Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment on 1 September 1964.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester 10 April 2002 - 29 October 2004

Lady Alice Montagu Douglas Scott was born on 25 December 1901 and married His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, third son of King George V, on 6 November 1935. In 1938 the couple purchased Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire, as a family home. On 11 May 1937, as Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Northamptonshire Regiment, then became Colonel-in-Chief of the 2nd East Anglian Regiment on its formation on 1 June 1960. On 1 September 1964 she was appointed Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment. After her husband died on 10 June 1974 she assumed the title Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. She was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment on 10 April 2002, and died on 29 October 2004.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester 21 April 2006 - Present

Prince Richard of Gloucester was born on 26 August 1944, second son of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. His elder brother having been killed in a flying accident, he succeeded his father on his death on 10 June 1974. He was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment on 21 April 2006.

Deputy Colonels-in-Chief

It is not usual for an infantry regiment to have a Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, but the predecessors of the Royal Anglian Regiment had three royal Colonels-in-Chief. Accordingly when the Regiment was formed the senior was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the new Regiment and the other two were made Deputy Colonels-in-Chief, as follows:

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon 1 September 1964 - 9 February 2002

Princess Margaret, younger daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, was born on 21 August 1930. She was appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Suffolk Regiment on 1 June 1953, then became Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st East Anglian Regiment on its formation on 29 August 1959. On 6 October 1961, after her husband was made an earl, she assumed the additional title Countess of Snowdon. On 1 September 1964 she was appointed Deputy Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Anglian Regiment. She died on 9 February 2002.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester 1 September 1964 - 9 April 2002

See details above.

Colonels of the Regiment

Since the creation of a standing army in 1685 each infantry regiment has had a colonel at its head, originally responsible for everything connected with his regiment including recruiting, rations and clothing. The duties of the Colonel of the Regiment, a senior serving or retired officer, are today more limited but he remains the guardian of the Regiment's history, traditions and general well-being.

The following have served as Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment:

Lieutenant General Sir Reginald Denning KBE CB DL 1 September 1964 - 14 January 1966
Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin KCB CBE DSO 15 January 1966 - 30 September 1971
Lieutenant General Sir Ian Freeland GBE KCB DSO DL 1 October 1971 - 30 September 1976
Major General J B Dye CBE MC DL 1 October 1976 - 5 November 1982
General Sir Timothy Creasey KCB OBE 6 November 1982 - 5 October 1986
General Sir John Akehurst KCB CBE 6 October 1986 - 31 October 1991
Major General P P D Stone CB CBE 1 November 1991 - 29 January 1997
General Sir Michael Walker GCB CMG CBE ADC Gen 30 January 1997 - 29 June 2002
Major General J C B Sutherell CB CBE 30 June 2002 - 31 March 2007
General Sir John McColl KCB CBE DSO 1 April 2007 - 6 September 2012
Lieutenant General P D Jones CBE 7 September 2012 - Present

Commanding Officers

1st Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel J B Dye OBE MC 1964-1965
Lieutenant Colonel T M Creasey OBE 1965-1967
Lieutenant Colonel B H C Emsden 1967-1969
Lieutenant Colonel R L Jackson 1969-1972
Lieutenant Colonel D C Thorne 1972-1974
Lieutenant Colonel W R W Pike 1974-1977
Lieutenant Colonel A J G Pollard 1977-1979
Lieutenant Colonel J R Hart MBE 1979-1982
Lieutenant Colonel A J K Calder OBE 1982-1985
Lieutenant Colonel M J D Walker OBE 1985-1987
Lieutenant Colonel J C B Sutherell MBE 1987-1990
Lieutenant Colonel D S B Phipps 1990-1992
Lieutenant Colonel R M Chisnall OBE 1992-1993
Lieutenant Colonel R M Brunt OBE 1993-1995
Lieutenant Colonel R E Harrold OBE 1995-1998
Lieutenant Colonel R J Kemp MBE 1998-2000
Lieutenant Colonel P D Jones MBE 2000-2003
Lieutenant Colonel E E C Thorne MC 2003-2006
Lieutenant Colonel S W Carver DSO 2006-2008
Lieutenant Colonel J M Woodham MC 2008-2011
Lieutenant Colonel M P Aston DSO MC 2011-2013

Lieutenant Colonel D S J Biddick MBE MC 2013-Present

2nd Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel W R Chambers 1964-1965
Lieutenant Colonel I A Haycraft 1965-1968
Lieutenant Colonel J B Akehurst 1968-1970
Lieutenant Colonel R E J Gerrard-Wright OBE 1970-1973
Lieutenant Colonel M E Thorne OBE 1973-1975
Lieutenant Colonel C M J Barnes MBE 1975-1977
Lieutenant Colonel P P D Stone MBE 1977-1980
Lieutenant Colonel R Howe MBE 1980-1982
Lieutenant Colonel D J W Browne MBE 1982-1985
Lieutenant Colonel P P Rawlins MBE 1985-1987
Lieutenant Colonel T Longland OBE 1987-1990
Lieutenant Colonel A P Deed 1990-1992
Lieutenant Colonel J C McColl OBE 1992-1994
Lieutenant Colonel D J Clements MBE 1994-1997
Lieutenant Colonel S L Porter 1997-1999
Lieutenant Colonel A J C Wild MBE 1999-2001
Lieutenant Colonel R J Ladley MBE 2001-2004
Lieutenant Colonel D P O'Driscoll 2004-2006
Lieutenant Colonel S J R Browne MBE 2006-2009
Lieutenant Colonel R W Wooddisse MBE MC 2009-2011
Lieutenant Colonel N A Johnson 2011-Present

3rd Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel C C Norbury MBE MC 1964
Lieutenant Colonel P J H Leng MBE MC 1964-1966
Lieutenant Colonel J L Dymoke MBE 1966-1969
Lieutenant Colonel K Burch MBE 1969-1971
Lieutenant Colonel J Hall-Tipping 1971-1974
Lieutenant Colonel M A Aris 1974-1976
Lieutenant Colonel W T Dodd MBE 1976-1979
Lieutenant Colonel R J M Drummond OBE 1979-1981
Lieutenant Colonel A E Thompson MBE MC 1981-1983
Lieutenant Colonel C Groves 1983-1986
Lieutenant Colonel A Behagg MBE 1986-1989
Lieutenant Colonel J D Lacey 1989-1991
Lieutenant Colonel R M Chisnall OBE 1991-1992

4th Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel J A C Cowan MBE 1964-1966
Lieutenant Colonel D R C Carter 1966-1968
Lieutenant Colonel T Holloway 1968-1970

4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel A W J Turnbull MC 1964-1967

The Royal Norfolk Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel C B Grant MC TD 1967-1969

4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel A J Bennett MBE TD 1964-1965
Lieutenant Colonel H H Moore 1965-1967

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel B S Foster TD 1967-1969

The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel C C Wells TD 1964-1965

Lieutenant Colonel G C Howgego 1965-1967

The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel J P Davey TD 1967-1969

1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel D W Browne 1964-1966

Lieutenant Colonel J V Miseroy 1966-1967

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel B J Elliott TD JP 1967-1969

4th/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel J P Creagh 1964-1966

Lieutenant Colonel R G Wilkes TD 1966-1967

The Leicestershire Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel R G Wilkes TD DL 1967-1969

4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel R J Randall 1964-1965

Lieutenant Colonel J M Barstow 1965-1967

The Essex Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel G H Brewer 1967-1969

4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel F G Barber OBE TD 1964-1967

The Northamptonshire Regiment (Territorial)

Lieutenant Colonel R C Jeffery TD DL 1967-1969

5th (Volunteer) Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel H H Moore 1967-1968

Lieutenant Colonel P D Blyth 1968-1971

Lieutenant Colonel J R Heath 1971-1973

Lieutenant Colonel P D L Hopper 1973-1975

Lieutenant Colonel J Tadman 1975-1977

Lieutenant Colonel F A H Swallow 1977-1980

Lieutenant Colonel R T J Wreford TD 1980-1982

Lieutenant Colonel P B D Long 1982-1985

Lieutenant Colonel R G Greenham 1985-1987

Lieutenant Colonel N H Kelsey TD 1987-1990
Lieutenant Colonel C G Stallard 1990-1992
Lieutenant Colonel P G R Horrell TD 1992-1995
Lieutenant Colonel D J W Baylis 1995-1996

6th (Volunteer) Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel P W Raywood TD 1971-1973
Lieutenant Colonel T C B Swayne TD 1973-1976
Lieutenant Colonel R C Tomkins TD 1976-1978
Lieutenant Colonel T D Dean 1978-1981
Lieutenant Colonel D W James 1981-1983
Lieutenant Colonel A R A Veitch 1983-1986
Lieutenant Colonel A C Taylor 1986-1988
Lieutenant Colonel P R C Dixon 1988-1991
Lieutenant Colonel A D Chissel TD 1991-1993
Lieutenant Colonel C A F Thomas TD 1993-1996
Lieutenant Colonel H N D Gill TD 1996-1999
Lieutenant Colonel C A Newell PWRR 1999

7th (Volunteer) Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel W G Wallace OBE TD 1971-1974
Lieutenant Colonel W G Dawson TD 1974-1977
Lieutenant Colonel W J Gleadell TD 1977-1979
Lieutenant Colonel D R Baily MBE 1979-1982
Lieutenant Colonel H W Lambert 1982-1984
Lieutenant Colonel D K Harris MBE TD 1984-1987
Lieutenant Colonel G I G Brett 1987-1989
Lieutenant Colonel R E Haes 1989-1992
Lieutenant Colonel R M L Colville 1992-1994
Lieutenant Colonel J C B Prescott 1994-1997
Lieutenant Colonel P M Holme 1997-1999

East of England Regiment (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel C A Newell PWRR 1999-2001
Lieutenant Colonel N A ffitch TD 2001-2004
Lieutenant Colonel R C J Goodin MBE 2004-2006

3rd Battalion (TA)

Lieutenant Colonel R C J Goodin MBE 2006
Lieutenant Colonel M Goodge TD 2006-2008
Lieutenant Colonel D G Vincent MBE 2008-2010
Lieutenant Colonel R F L Lyne 2010-2013
Lieutenant Colonel T P B Morris 2013-Present

Regimental Sergeant Majors

1st Battalion

WO1 E J Hazelwood 1964-1965
WO1 M S Fowler 1965-1967
WO1 B B Day 1967-1969
WO1 J M Nichols 1969-1972
WO1 J J Buffine BEM RRF 1972-1974
WO1 F J Perry 1974-1976
WO1 J S J Rourke 1976-1979
WO1 F C L Slinn 1979-1980

WO1 J G G Ross 1980-1982
WO1 A Powell 1982-1984
WO1 P L Ludbrook 1984-1986
WO1 P A Cookson 1986-1988
WO1 A Jones 1988-1990
WO1 R J Allen 1990-1992
WO1 R P Grenfell 1992-1994
WO1 C D Hoyles 1994-1996
WO1 G J Webb 1996-1998
WO1 D J Stefanetti 1998-1999
WO1 S P Prime 1999-2000
WO1 D Mackness 2000-2001
WO1 S D Robinson 2001-2002
WO1 P N Blanchfield 2002-2003
WO1 C J Tate 2003-2005
WO1 A L Buff 2005-2006
WO1 I J Robinson 2006-2008
WO1 T R Newton 2008-2011
WO1 J E Self 2011-2012
WO1 A R C Faupel MBE 2012-Present

2nd Battalion

WO1 M D Franks 1964-1966
WO1 L J de-Bretton Gordon 1966-1969
WO1 I J Marjoram 1969-1970
WO1 A D Bird 1970-1972
WO1 R E Sharpe 1972-1974
WO1 D H Greenfield 1974-1976
WO1 P Keal 1976-1978
WO1 A R Ainsworth 1978-1980
WO1 A J Underwood MM 1980-1982
WO1 D Whitehead 1982-1985
WO1 D R Dunthorne 1985-1986
WO1 W O'Driscoll 1986-1988
WO1 R J Brown 1988-1990
WO1 D G Goude MBE 1990-1992
WO1 A E Todd 1992-1993
WO1 G L Cutter 1993-1995
WO1 S N Pallant 1995-1997
WO1 F A Ralph 1997-1999
WO1 T P Beighton 1999-2000
WO1 P G Martin 2000-2001
WO1 D M Hazlewood 2001-2003
WO1 R J Bredin 2003-2005
WO1 A J Rainey MC 2005-2007
WO1 A J Bartlett 2007-2009
WO1 L A Waghorn 2009-2010
WO1 B P Lewis 2010-2011
WO1 M J David 2011-Present

3rd Battalion

WO1 R Jenns 1964-1966
WO1 R A Blood 1966
WO1 T H Bullock 1966-1970
WO1 R G Ford QUEENS 1970-1972
WO1 H S Bullock 1972-1975
WO1 J D Fletcher 1975-1977
WO1 B McDonnell 1977-1980

WO1 C J C Kett 1980-1981
WO1 W Burford 1981-1983
WO1 R E Eke 1983-1985
WO1 J P Sweeney 1985-1986
WO1 P D Thurston 1986-1988
WO1 R W Potter 1988-1989
WO1 M V Beaumont 1989-1991
WO1 A F Twell 1991-1992

4th Battalion

WO1 H D Benham 1964-1965
WO1 N H P Jenks MM 1965-1967
WO1 R E Sprason 1967-1968
WO1 P F Garman 1968-1970

4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA)

WO1 M S Fowler 1964-1965
WO1 G E Veitch 1965-1967

4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (TA)

WO1 R A Blood 1964-1966
WO1 R Jenks 1966
WO1 A M McCarthy 1966-1967

The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA)

WO1 J F Parrott 1964-1965
WO1 L G Drew 1965-1967

1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA)

WO1 A F Charlesworth 1964-1967

4th/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (TA)

WO1 L E Loader 1964-1965
WO1 H D Benham 1965-1967

4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)

WO1 L F Cotter 1964-1965
WO1 A R Smith 1965-1967

4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA)

WO1 R J Pond 1964-1966
WO1 H J George 1966-1967

5th (Volunteer) Battalion

WO1 R A Blood 1967-1969
WO1 J K Duke 1969-1971
WO1 D B Harris 1971-1974
WO1 A J Prudence QUEENS 1974-1976
WO1 J C Beckett 1976-1977
WO1 M N J Dawe 1977-1979
WO1 D S Donaldson 1979-1981

WO1 L B Keogh 1981-1983
WO1 C R Hill 1983-1985
WO1 H D Smith 1985-1988
WO1 P L Smith BEM 1988-1990
WO1 A E Todd 1990-1992
WO1 B G Hillier 1992-1995
WO1 P G Woodcock 1995-1996

6th (Volunteer) Battalion

WO1 R E Sharpe 1971-1973
WO1 D F Knight 1973-1975
WO1 D W Spalding 1975-1977
WO1 M B Dear 1977-1979
WO1 R A Carpenter 1979-1981
WO1 R E Eke 1981-1983
WO1 I R Bowden 1983-1984
WO1 M K Flynn 1984-1987
WO1 M J Abbott 1987-1989
WO1 D L Powley 1989-1991
WO1 W H Eke 1991-1992
WO1 K P Brett 1992-1994
WO1 C R G Duncan 1994-1997
WO1 G J Keeble 1997-1999
WO1 P J Thomas 1999

7th (Volunteer) Battalion

WO1 B L Callow RRF 1971-1972
WO1 C C McColgan 1972-1974
WO1 G H Price RRF 1974-1976
WO1 T S Fisher QUEENS 1976-1978
WO1 R E Jones 1978-1980
WO1 D N Pryce 1980-1981
WO1 M N J Dawe 1981-1983
WO1 G N Taylor 1983-1985
WO1 G P Halewood 1985-1987
WO1 D G Wilson 1987-1989
WO1 J J Wilcox 1989-1991
WO1 C Norman 1991-1992
WO1 P J Pacey 1992-1994
WO1 F B O Kelly PWRR 1994-1995
WO1 S West 1995-1997
WO1 P J Thomas 1997-1999

East of England Regiment (TA)

WO1 P J Thomas 1999-2000
WO1 M J Abbs 2000-2002
WO1 G J Spencer 2002-2004
WO1 N H Breen 2004-2006

3rd Battalion (TA)

WO1 D M Caesar 2006-2007
WO1 A J Penn 2007-2009
WO1 D T Granfield 2009-2010
WO1 K Main 2010-2012
WO1 C Hopkin 2012-Present

The appointments given in this appendix are correct (as far as can be ascertained) up to 31 December 2013. Ranks and honours are those held at the conclusion of the appointment concerned.