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Professor Richard Holmes CBE TD JP is reappointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Professor Richard Holmes has been reappointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries. His 2nd term of appointment will run from 26th September 2009 to 25th September 2013.

Biographical notes

Currently, Richard Holmes is Professor Emeritus of Military and Security Studies at Cranfield University. His academic appointments include being a member of the Department of War Studies at RMA Sandhurst (1969 to 1985), Director of the Security Studies Institute and then Professor of Military and Security Studies at Cranfield University and the Defence Academy of the UK (1986 to 2009). He has published extensively on military history, and has presented several BBC TV series. Professor Holmes is President of the British Commission for Military History and of the Battlefields Trust. He was a Territorial infantryman for 36 years, commanding 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment before serving as Brigadier TA at Headquarters Land Command and latterly as Director of Reserve Forces and Cadets. From 1997 to 2007, he was Colonel of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. He is a Director of the UK National Defence Association. Richard Holmes was appointed OBE in 1986 and advanced to CBE in 1998. He has undertaken no party political activity during the past five years.

Background

The Royal Armouries cares for the national collection of arms and armour. In addition to its traditional base at the Tower of London, it has a major museum at Leeds and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth. Its Board of Trustees has corporate responsibility for ensuring that the RA fulfils its aims and objectives, as set out in the National Heritage Act 1983, any amending legislation, and its governing documents. More information can be found on the Museum's website - www.royalarmouries.org.

The Chairman and Trustees of the Royal Armouries give their services on an honorary basis. However, reasonable expenses are paid.

This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.