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New Year Reception

Intervention and Stabilisation Operations:
the role of the military engineer

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6.00pm for 6.45pm

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Lounge suit/cocktail dress

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Military operations through the ages have depended on the ingenuity of engineers to alter the landscape, negotiate natural obstacles, protect key facilities, provide life support and enable logistics. Latterly the engineering contribution to intervention operations and post-conflict stabilisation and reconstruction has been as significant, but provided in a multifunctional, inter-agency construct involving NGOs and contractors. Drawing on recent examples, General Wall will offer a blueprint for delivering these key functions on future operations where military engineers are likely to play a key role.

Programme:

- 6.00pm** Registration and drinks reception
 - 6.45pm** Welcome by the President, Sir John Parker FREng
 - 8.00pm** Drinks reception and buffet supper
 - 9.45pm** Close
- Dress:** Lounge suit/cocktail dress

Fellows are welcome to invite partners and guests.

General Sir Peter Wall

General Wall was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1974 then read Engineering at Cambridge. His early service was spent in Belize and Rhodesia, in West Germany due to the Cold War and in Hong Kong.

General Wall has commanded 9 Parachute Squadron RE, 32 Engineer Regiment, including time in Bosnia, 16 Air Assault Brigade, the Joint Force Headquarters, and 1st (UK) Armoured Division in Iraq and Germany. Staff posts have included Chief of Staff 5 Airborne Brigade, Project Manager in Abbey Wood and posts in the MOD and PJHQ. After a year as Commander-in-Chief Land Forces he assumed the post of Chief of the General Staff in September 2010.

General Wall is Chief Royal Engineer and President of Army Rugby, Association Football, the Army Winter Sports Association, Modern Pentathlon, and Sport Parachuting.



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