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Reappointment of Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely KCB MC DL to the Board of the Imperial War Museum

The Prime Minister has re-appointed Lt Gen Sir John Kiszely for the 4 years to 17 August 2016.

Biographical Details

Sir John Kiszely was first appointed by the Prime Minister in August 2008. He was elected Deputy Chairman by the Board with effect from December 2011. Sir John has worked at the highest levels of the Armed Forces, both on overseas operations and in Whitehall. He was Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff at the Ministry of Defence from 1998 until 2001, when he became Deputy Commander of NATO Forces in Bosnia. From 2002 until 2005 General Kiszely was Commander of Regional Forces in the UK, and also Deputy Commander of Coalition Forces in Iraq from 2004-5. He was Chief Executive of the UK Defence Academy until his retirement in May 2008, and is currently Visiting Professor in War Studies, Kings College London, National President of the Royal British Legion, and military advisor to Babcock International. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

1. It is a long-standing convention that each of the three armed services is represented on the Imperial War Museum (IWM) Board. General Kiszely's role is therefore to represent the British Army and to retain the Museum's link with that service. In this capacity he is able to advise IWM on Army collections and presentation of contemporary conflict. Sir John is also a member of the Museum's Audit Committee.
2. The IWM branches tell the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War. IWM's unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, IWM tells vivid personal stories and creates powerful physical experiences across its five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. IWM challenges people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.
- 3 IWM's five branches are **IWM London**, IWM's flagship branch with six floors of exhibitions and displays; **IWM North**, housed in an iconic award-winning



building designed by Daniel Libeskind; **IWM Duxford**, a world renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; **Churchill War Rooms**, housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser **HMS Belfast**.

- 4 The post is not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.
- 5 Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Sir John has declared no such political activity.