



The Master Gunner St James's Park Visit to Canada

The Master Gunner St James's Park is the ceremonial head of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and channel of communication between the Regiment and the Captain General (Queen Elizabeth II).

The appointment was instituted in 1678 and originally known as Master Gunner of Whitehall & St James's Park. The earlier Master Gunners were responsible for the artillery defence of Whitehall Palace and the Palace of Westminster.

The appointment of Master Gunner, St James's Park is held by a distinguished Royal Artillery Officer selected by the Queen in her capacity as Captain General, on the advice of the Colonels Commandant of the regiment and has honorary status over all other Commonwealth Artilleries.

General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman GBE, KCB currently holds the ceremonial position of Master Gunner, St James's Park. He is a former Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff of the British Armed Forces.

In conjunction with his visit to the British Royal Artillery events in honour of the 300th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Artillery, the Master Gunner will, from 17-15 June visit Canadian Gunner Regiments, units, training activities and events.

The Master Gunner will visit Halifax, Saint John, Gagetown, Quebec City, Petawawa, Ottawa & Kingston.



General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman GBE KCB



Granville-Chapman ended 41 years in the Army in late 2009, 14 of which were as a General. He spent 7 years on Army Board as the Assistant Chief of the General Staff (Chief Executive of the Army), the Adjutant General (the Army's personnel and training supreme) and the Commander-in-Chief (command of the deployable Army at the start of Iraq and in the run-up to Afghanistan) and 4 years on the Defence Board (as one of the 5 'Chiefs of Staff' – the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff running the business of Defence, principally in the operational and capability realms). Along the way as a 2 star, he created the new Joint Services Command and Staff College, closing the former single Service Staff Colleges and negotiating the permanent location for the new Staff College at Shrivenham in the process.

He has directed the UK's Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre project (<http://www.thednrc.org.uk/>) since October 2009 and has a variety of other appointments, including the Master Gunner St James's Park, appointed by The Queen – being the 31st incumbent of the post.