



COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

References:

- A. LFCO 11-50 Royal Appointments
- B. CFA0 3-4 Honorary Appointments and Honorary Ranks

GENERAL

1. The position of Colonel-in-Chief is an honorary appointment and serves as the titular head of the Regiment. The Colonel-in-Chief is a patron that serves as a personal link between the Regiment and the Monarch. The authority to appoint a Colonel-in-Chief is detailed at reference B. The appointment of a Colonel-in-Chief is, normally, lifelong. No successor to the appointment shall be sought while the incumbent is willing and able to continue service.

SELECTION

2. As every Regiment has its own unique history, the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment is no different, and this background is reflected in the selection criteria for the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief. For the Regiment that draws its name from the Princess of Wales, an obvious preference exists for a Colonel-in-Chief from the Royal Family. It should be noted that the Princess of Wales is a courtesy title given to the spouse of the Prince of Wales, and as such, is a position that has not always been occupied. Selection shall be restricted to the following;

- a. The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment shall only seek a Colonel-in-Chief from the Royal Family,
- b. A preference exists for a member of the Royal Family who has a direct link to the appointment of Princess of Wales, be it the spouse of the Prince of Wales who holds the title of Princess of Wales' or another member of the Prince of Wales' immediate family.

3. If there is no suitable and willing candidate meeting the above criteria, the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief shall remain vacant.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES

4. While the Regiment has known four Princesses of Wales during its history, only one has served as our Colonel-in-Chief, that being Diana, Princess of Wales. Alexandra of Denmark gifted the Regiment with the privilege of using her title as the name of our Regiment, but did not serve as Colonel-in-Chief.