



**CORPS INSTRUCTIONS**  
**GOVERNING THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE**  
**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS**

**No 7: COLONELS COMMANDANT**

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**Aim**

1. The aim of this instruction is to outline generally the functions of Colonels Commandant of RAEME in amplification of the DI(A) Pers 99-1 dated 21 March 96 and to record these appointments.

## Functions

2. The functions of the Colonels Commandant of RAEME are to advise the HOC and their local RAEME Senior Representative, on such matters as:

- a. fostering of esprit-de-corps in RAEME;
- b. general welfare of the Corps;
- c. maintenance of interest in the Corps by the civil community; and
- d. memorials and customs.

## Special Functions of the Representative Colonel Commandant

3. The Representative Colonel Commandant is available to give advice or assistance on such matters as are referred by the HOC. These matters may include:

- a. controlling or advising on the administration of Corps Funds and attending meetings on these matters;
- b. liaison between the Corps and the Colonel-in-Chief, including an annual report on Corps activities and achievements;
- c. sending and receiving the customary messages to and from the Colonel-in-Chief and allied corps; and
- d. advice to the HOC on matters within the purview of the Colonels Commandant.

4. The Colonel Commandant also acts on behalf of the HOC on such matters as the purchase of Corps initial and reciprocal presentations.

5. the Colonel Commandant attends RAEME Corps Conferences and chairs the session on Corps domestic matters.

## Corps Committee

6. The Representative Colonel Commandant is chairman of the Corps Committee, which will assist him within its charter in the foregoing matters.

## Visits

7. Colonels Commandant contribute directly to Corps' morale by visits to units. Regional Representatives are to arrange such visits, both formal and informal, for appropriate occasions. Travel and subsistence requirements are to be centrally managed by SO2 Corps.

8. The Representative Colonel Commandant may visit any RAEME unit, as appropriate.

9. Colonels Commandant are appointed for a period not exceeding four years. This period may be extended at the end of the initial appointment tenure for a further period not exceeding two years. It is not customary for appointments or extensions of appointments to be made where the person involved has attained the age of 65 years.

## Appointments

10. Previous and current appointments are listed in Annex A to this Instruction.

**Precedence**

11. Colonels Commandant are to be accorded the highest precedence due to their personage in accordance with the Commonwealth Table of Precedence (Army Ceremonial Manual refers). This may make it inappropriate for them to act as host on some formal occasions where other arrangements will need to be instigated.

**Annex:**

A. Honorary Appointments - RAEME

**HONORARY APPOINTMENTS RAEME**

The following is a record of honorary appointments to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Military Districts superseded the geographical command structure on 1 Nov 73 and subsequently changes in titles of appointments were adopted on 1 Mar 74.

**Period of Appointment****Colonel-in-Chief**

Field Marshal His Royal Highness	5 Mar 59
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh	
KG, KT, OM, GBE, AC, QSO	

**Honorary Colonels/Representative Colonels Commandants**1. **Corps Honorary Colonel**

LTGEN Sir Vernon A.H. Sturdee	26 Nov 51 - 1 Nov 56
KBE, CB, DSO	

2. **Representative Honorary Colonels**

MAJGEN S.F. Legge, CBE	16 Apr 57 - 29 Mar 63
BRIG G.H.S. Moran, OBE	30 Mar 63 - 29 Mar 68
BRIG J.C. Bendall, CBE	30 Mar 68 - 31 Mar 73
BRIG H.L.C. Martins, OBE	2 Apr 73 - 28 Feb 74

3. **Representative Colonels Commandant**

BRIG H.L.C. Martins, OBE	1 Mar 74 - 31 Mar 78
BRIG J. C. Dean, OBE	1 Apr 78 - 30 Sep 82
BRIG J. C. Dean, OBE	23 Jul 83 - 24 Jul 86
BRIG R.S.P. Amos, RFD, ED,	25 Jul 86 - 10 Aug 89
MAJGEN A.D. Powell	11 Aug 89 - 10 Aug 94
BRIG C. Ermert	11 Aug 94 - 10 Aug 96
BRIG R.M. Millar	11 Aug 96 - 10 Aug 98
COL L. Foley	10 Aug 98 -

**Honorary Colonels/Colonels Commandant**4. **Northern Command/1st Military District/Queensland Region****Colonel Commandant 1 MD/Queensland Region**

COL W.J. Bauert, OBE	1 Nov 74 - 31 Oct 80
BRIG H.W. Barker	1 Dec 80 - 3 May 84
COL T.B. Schoeffler	4 May 84 - 3 May 90
COL G.J. Edis	4 May 90 - 3 May 95
BRIG R.M. Millar	4 May 95 - 10 Aug 98
BRIG R.L.G. Grant, AM	10 Aug 98 -

5. **Eastern Command/2nd Military District/Eastern Region****Honorary Colonel Eastern Command**

BRIG H.L.C. Martins, OBE 1 Jun 71 - 28 Feb 74

**Colonel Commandant 2 MD/Eastern Region**

BRIG H.L.C. Martins, OBE	1 Mar 74 - 1 Apr 80
BRIG R.S.P. Amos, RFD, ED,	11 Aug 83 - 10 Aug 89
MAJGEN A.D. Powell	11 Aug 89 - 10 Aug 94
BRIG J. Faulks	11 Aug 94 - 10 Aug 96
COL L.J. Foley	11 Aug 96 -

6. **Southern Command/3rd Military District/Southern Region****Honorary Colonel Southern Command**

MAJGEN S.F. Legge, OBE	16 Apr 57 - 29 Mar 63
BRIG G.H.S. Moran, OBE	30 Mar 63 - 29 Mar 68
BRIG J.C. Bendall, CBE	30 Mar 68 - 31 Mar 73

**Colonel Commandant 3 MD/Southern Region**

BRIG J.C. Dean, OBE	1 Oct 76 - 30 Nov 80
BRIG K.A. Gibson	1 Dec 80 - 30 Nov 84
LTCOL P.R. Tremain	24 Jan 85 - 23 Jan 91
BRIG C. Ermert	24 Jan 91 - 10 Aug 96
COL R.M. Bade	11 Aug 96 - 11 Aug 98

7. **Central Command/4th Military District/Central Region****Honorary Colonel Central Command**

LTCOL F.E. Crowle	5 Feb 68 - 31 Mar 73
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Included in Northern/Central Region

**Colonel Commandant Southern /Tasmania/Central Region**

LTCOL C.V. Claxton	25 Nov 74 - 24 Nov 80
LTCOL C.R. Campbell	25 Nov 80 - 23 Nov 82
BRIG L. Lewis	28 Aug 85 - 27 Aug 91
LTCOL J.W. Wilson	28 Aug 91 -

8. **Western Command/5th Military Districts/Western Region****Honorary Colonel Western Command**

LTCOL L.G. Gurnett	13 Jun 57 - 12 Jun 67
LTCOL J.W. Jones	19 Dec 67 - 28 Feb 74

**Colonel Commandant 5 MD/Western Region**

LTCOL J.W. Jones	1 Mar 74 - 4 Oct 76
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LTCOL F.W. Statham, OBE, ED	5 Oct 76 - 4 Oct 82
LTCOL F.R. Parker	5 Oct 82 - 4 Oct 84
LTCOL F.R. Parker	7 Mar 85 - 5 Mar 87
LTCOL E.F. McCart	16 Mar 87 - 15 Mar 91
MAJ I.L. Stewart	16 Mar 93 -

9. **Tasmania Command/6th Military District/Tasmania Region**

**Colonel Commandant 6 MD/Tasmania Region**

BRIG J.C. Dean, OBE	1 Oct 76 - 30 Sep 82
BRIG J.C. Dean, OBE	26 May 83 - 25 May 87
LTCOL P.R. Tremain	26 May 87 - 23 Jan 91
BRIG C. Ermert	24 Jan 91 - 10 Aug 96
COL R.M. Bade	11 Aug 96 - 10 Aug 98
Included in Southern Region	

10. **Northern Territory/7th Military District/Northern Region**

**Colonel Commandant 7MD/Northern Region/Central**

BRIG L.J. Lewis	8 Sep 88 - 27 Aug 91
LTCOL J. W. Wilson	28 Aug 91 - Jan 01
LTCOL C. Wrangle	Jan 01 -