



# Lieutenant Colonel Tex Pemberton OBE

## National Chairman and President Surrey Branch The National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association

Born and educated in York, he was called for National Service in November 1958. After two weeks with the 5th Royal Tank Regiment at Catterick Camp, undergoing Selection Officer Assessments, he was compulsorily transferred to the Royal Military Police at Woking. Over the next 36 years he served in many parts of the world rising in rank to Lieutenant Colonel. Appointments included: commanding investigations in Singapore; service with Special Forces; operations in Brunei at the outbreak of hostilities in 1962; Deployment Plan operational planning in HQ 1<sup>st</sup> British Corps Germany; Prime Minister's Protection Officer staff for 3 years; commanding RMP Corps Research and Development Wing; commanding a Military Police Company in Northern Ireland in 3 Brigade (Armagh); Provost Marshal Cyprus; commanding Courts and Witness unit in Northern Ireland; SO2 Provost at HQ Northern Ireland; SO1 Doctrine at Headquarters Provost Marshal Army. During his service he was awarded: Queens Commendation for Bravery; Mention in Despatches; and OBE.

After retiring from the active list in May 1994 he was appointed a Civil Service Staff Officer at HQ PM (Army) with responsibility for writing operational doctrine and applying world-wide evaluation. He retired from this post in 2004 after a total of 46 years with RMP.

In 1997 he was elected to the local authority County Council of West Sussex becoming a Cabinet Member one year later and for the following 11 years holding a Portfolio with financial management responsibility in the region of £100m annually. He stood down from Council in June 2009.

He is currently: Trustee of the RMP Museum; Trustee of the RMP Central Benevolent Fund; The National Chairman of the NMBVA and President of the Surrey Branch of the Association, a Branch he joined in 1996 (see [www.nmbva.co.uk](http://www.nmbva.co.uk)); The West Sussex County Council appointed Governor on the Governing Body of the Midhurst Rother College, the first Academy in West Sussex (see [www.mrc-academy.org](http://www.mrc-academy.org)); one of four Commissioners of the National Yellow School Bus Commission chaired by The Rt Hon David Blunkett MP (see [www.ysbcommission.com](http://www.ysbcommission.com)); Member of the West Sussex Committee of The Army Benevolent Fund; Member of the Armed Forces Working Group of 'Canine Partners' training dogs to do, for our injured and disabled service personnel, what they cannot do for themselves, (at the behest of the Chief of the General Staff) (see [www.caninepartners.co.uk](http://www.caninepartners.co.uk)).

Outside interests (when he has time!): Gardening; Polo (having played for the Army in Cyprus); Local Government (now from an armchair!); Politics; Reading; dog walking and the environment.

Family: Married to Zena with sons and daughters, all having flown the nest!