

Chef Conductors



Since the absorption of the ACC into the RLC, Chefs have benefited by having access to the oldest and most prestigious appointment in the British and some ex-Colonial Armies.

The 'Ancient and Honourable Appointment of Conductor' is still, by Queens Regulations, the most senior NCO appointment in the Army, although debate still rages over the practicalities of that seniority.

The first accounts of Conductors in the Army is in 1327, although recent research finds them in medieval references.

In the past, the original appointment with Army Ordnance was given the seniority in order to guarantee that artillery of the Empire was never left without ammunition. Conductors had the authority to cut through red tape and operational blockages. This was the case until the RLC was formed. The strictly controlled 'Appointment' was retained and made available to all the RLC trades. Latterly the appointment has been made to the 'Heads of Sheds', that is the senior authorities in each of the RLC trades.

Since 1993 there has been a strong tradition of Chefs appointed. Below is a Roll of Honour of those appointed.

WO1(Cdr)	KJ Belshaw	1993
WO1(Cdr)	SJ Cross	1993
WO1(Cdr)	A Fryer	1993
WO1(Cdr)	AJA Main	1993
WO1(Cdr)	PJ Wood	1993
WO1(Cdr)	RPK Flatt	1994
WO1(Cdr)	DR Griffiths	1994
WO1(Cdr)	NG Jenkins	1994
WO1(Cdr)	IG Strongman	1994
WO1(Cdr)	HR Clapperton	1995
WO1(Cdr)	MA Thomas	1995
WO1(Cdr)	V Cooke	1996
WO1(Cdr)	C Parr	1996
WO1(Cdr)	RS Wright	1996
WO1(Cdr)	MB Hunt	1997
WO1(Cdr)	PW Badder	1998
WO1(Cdr)	RH James	1998
WO1(Cdr)	DK Kennedy	1998
WO1(Cdr)	GH Roulston	1998
WO1(Cdr)	CW Slade	1998
WO1(Cdr)	JA Thomson	1998
WO1(Cdr)	CM Evans	1999
WO1(Cdr)	SA Welch	1999

WO1(Cdr)	MP Coyle	2000
WO1(Cdr)	RS Fletcher	2000
WO1(Cdr)	K Finch RLC	2002
WO1(Cdr)	DR Goodwin MBE	2002
WO1(Cdr)	EM Lewis	2003
WO1(Cdr)	JA McCutcheon	2005
WO1(Cdr)	GM Thewlis	2006
WO1(Cdr)	M Abbis	2007
WO1(Cdr)	M Normanton	2007
WO1(Cdr)	N Homer	2008
WO1(Cdr)	DR Garwood	2009
WO1(Cdr)	D Asquith	2010
WO1(Cdr)	J McBride	2010
WO1(Cdr)	E Andrews	2013
WO1(Cdr)	J Barker	2013

(Info from the Roll of Honour at: www.rlc-conductor.info)

MP Coyle (Retired WO1(Cdr), RLC TA, ex Cat Sp Regt, ex Senior WO CVHQ ACC)

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