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Before business, Sir Robert had a full military career. The early years were spent in regimental duty with the Royal Marines and UK Special Forces (MBE, MiD), followed by the Army Staff College and an academic sabbatical at King's College, London. He later commanded 45 Commando Group and 3 Commando Brigade RM (CBE) and was Director of the Naval Staff in the MoD.

After a spell as Commandant General of the Royal Marines he became the Director of Operations in the MoD (KCB), responsible for the planning and conduct of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. His final operational deployment was as Deputy Coalition Commander in Iraq (US Legion of Merit) in 2006.

Sir Robert maintains his military links as Regimental Colonel, the Special Reconnaissance Regiment and as a trustee for Help for Heroes. He is a Freeman of the City of London, a member of the Executive Council of the RUSI and an occasional columnist in the European edition of the Wall Street Journal and Prospect Magazine.