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Stuart Peach was born in 1956 and joined the Royal Air Force via a University Cadetship at the University of Sheffield in 1977 graduating in Geography and Economics and Social History. Following a tour in Canberra aircraft in the photographic and strategic reconnaissance role, he completed three successive flying tours on Tornado GR1 aircraft in the UK and Germany, qualifying as a weapons, tactics and electronic warfare instructor. He attended the Royal Air Force Staff College Bracknell in 1990 and served as personal staff officer to, in succession, the Deputy Commander Royal Air Force Germany, Commander-in-Chief Royal Air Force Germany and Commander Second Allied Tactical Air Force from 1990 to 1993. From 1994 to 1996 he commanded IX (Bomber) Squadron flying Tornado in the strike/attack/suppression of enemy air defences role and was deputy Station Commander Royal Air Force Brüggen. Following a Master's Degree in Philosophy at the University of Cambridge, he was Director Defence Studies (Royal Air Force) from 1997 to 1999. In 1999 he was Assistant Director of the Higher Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College and is a graduate of that Course. He was Commander British Forces (Italy) 1999-2000 and NATO Air Commander (Forward) in Kosovo in 2000. He served as Commandant UK Air Warfare Centre and Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) Strike Command from 2000 to 2003.

He was Director General Intelligence Collection in the Defence Intelligence Staff from July 2003 to March 2006.

His operational service has included duty in Germany, Turkey, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Kosovo and the USA. He was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air in 1990 and was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire on the 2001 Operational Honours List. He has 4500 flying hours.

He is married with two children. He holds an honorary Doctorate in Technology from the University of Kingston, is a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, is President of the IX (Bomber) Squadron Association and the Royal Air Force Rugby League and Vice President of the British German Officers' Association.