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## ForceSelect Celebrates its first birthday as Brigadier Richard Dennis OBE joins board

ForceSelect, the UK's leading ex-military recruitment consultancy, is celebrating its first birthday this week while Brigadier Richard Dennis OBE, the British Army's Director of Infantry, has joined the board of the organisation.

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PRLog (Press Release) – Mar 22, 2011 – ForceSelect, the UK's leading ex-military recruitment consultancy, is celebrating its first birthday this week while Brigadier Richard Dennis OBE, the British Army's Director of Infantry, has been appointed as a non-executive director of the organisation.

ForceSelect are holding an Army Briefing to Business Day at Brigadier Dennis's base, the HQ Infantry Land Warfare Centre in Warminster, Wiltshire, with companies such as First Group, UPS, Red Lion Foods and Deloitte who will learn about the value military service leavers can bring to their businesses.

The guests will also get a chance to get a feel for the Infantry's current weapons and vehicles and have tea in the Officers' Mess.

ForceSelect Founder Hugh Andrée said: "ForceSelect has gone from strength to strength over the past year and that is a testament to the hard work put in by all our staff and the high quality of military service leavers who have come to us seeking help and support when they join civvy street."

"The numbers of people leaving the armed forces is swelling significantly since we started due to the government cuts and compulsory redundancies and that makes our role as the missing link between the Ministry of Defence and the civilian world even more important in the years to come."

"Today gives us an opportunity to show British businesses the value of appointing service leavers and how they can utilise the wide range of skills and disciplines that ex-military staff have to offer."

Brigadier Dennis is also hosting an Afghanistan Training Experience where four teams will take part in competitions including shooting, Counter-IED clearance and night time infiltration exercises. ForceSelect Director Andy McNab will be leading one of the other teams.

The participating teams successfully bid to take part at the ForceSelect Foundation's annual fundraising dinner at the Chiswell Street Brewery in December, which raised substantial funds for smaller military service charities in the UK.

Brigadier Dennis said: "I have had dealings with ForceSelect since they were established last year and I am delighted to be able to work with them and provide an insight into the evolving challenges facing service leavers today."

"British soldiers have undertaken some of the most rigorous training in the world and when they leave the forces, it is vital that these skills are utilised by British businesses. I hope my insights and experience can play a part in ensuring that service leavers have the best possible opportunities when they join civvy street."

ForceSelect Director and former chief of the general staff General Sir Mike Jackson added: "ForceSelect set out to help British businesses, British service leavers and British military charities and we have started well. A lot of credit must go to the businesses that work with us to provide the support and employment opportunities for the men and women who have put their lives on the line for their country."

ForceSelect was set up by Hugh Andrée in response to the lack of advice and support he received when he left the army in 1997.

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ForceSelect was set up in 2009 by former Army Officer Hugh Andrée to provide military service leavers – currently estimated to be around 22,000 each year – with the best and most appropriate career opportunities within UK businesses.

All ForceSelect staff have served in the military including Managing Director and former Artillery Officer Lucy Wood; Director, best-selling author and SAS hero Andy McNab DCM MM; and Non-Executive Director and former Chief of General Staff General Sir Michael Jackson GCB CBE DSO DL.

ForceSelect is implementing a mentoring and support programme to provide advice and guidance to individuals having left the Armed Forces, enabling a seamless transition from service life into civilian employment.

ForceSelect is developing a national network of volunteers who are willing to give up some of their time to help ex-service people living in their area.

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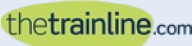
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