



## Patrick Cordingley

**Commanded the 7th Armoured Brigade, the Desert Rats, during the 1991 Gulf War**

With a military career spanning four decades, Patrick Cordingley is best known for commanding the 7th Armoured Brigade, the Desert Rats during the first Gulf War.

## Patrick's biography

### Patrick Cordingley's background

Since retiring from the army in 2000 he has become an authoritative commentator on [international affairs](#) and has appeared on many and various television programmes and is a regular on BBC Radio 4.

He holds a number of trustee positions with charitable organisations and has written two best-selling books. Patrick has also become a highly sought-after [motivational](#) and [after dinner speaker](#).

Being a popular and well-respected commander of many thousands of men, Patrick has great insight into what it takes to become a successful leader.

In his speeches, he shares his experiences and knowledge, along with humorous anecdotes; explaining to the audience the importance of being [positive and inspiring confidence](#).

He also explains how careful decision-making and team-building are vital, whether it be in a combat situation or in a corporate office.

## Patrick's talks

- **Maintaining excellence and responding to pressure**
- **Leadership during periods of tension**
- **Building a successful team**

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