

## Head of Regiment

### Brigadier Richard Vagg, DSC



Brigadier Richard Vagg was born and educated in country Queensland. He is a graduate of the Royal Military College – Duntroon, Australian Command and Staff College, the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies and Australian Institute of Company Directors. Brigadier Vagg holds a Masters of Arts – Management and Strategy from the University of New South Wales and a Masters of Business Administration from Deakin University. He is currently the Director General Systems and Integration, Army Headquarters.

Brigadier Vagg has enjoyed an exciting career with Regimental experience at 4th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and on exchange with a British AS-90 Artillery Regiment. He was also the inaugural Commanding Officer of 16th Air Land Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery.

His training experience includes appointments at the School of Artillery and Duntroon, while his staff experience includes appointments at the British Defence Intelligence Staff, the Defence Intelligence Organisation and Modernisation and Strategic Plans – Army. He was MA to Commander Forces Command and more recently the Director of Military Art, Royal Military College – Duntroon.

Brigadier Vagg has operational experience in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. His most recent deployment was as the Commander of Task Group Taji, Rotation Four in Iraq. In the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his command of the Task Group. He has also been awarded a Commander Multi-National Brigade (Central) Commendation for his role in several operations along the Kosovo/Macedonian/Albanian border and a Commendation for Distinguished Service as the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Training Team – Kabul.

He was appointed Head of Regiment for the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery on 4th December 2018.

Brigadier Vagg is a keen spectator of most sports, a passionate Queensland Reds supporter, rows to relax, and enjoys watching his children's sporting events. Richard and Charlotte have one adult daughter and two school aged children. The family enjoys spending time improving their hobby farm.