



## Ten Top Secret Facts about Group Captain Shell...

1. Group Captain Shell has been in the RAF for 21 years.
2. He was about to become a British Airways pilot when he decided to join the RAF instead.
3. To be a Chinook pilot takes 3 ½ years of training.
4. He worked in Baghdad for 4 ½ months with the head of the Iraqi air force.
5. He helped deliver aid in Pakistan and rescued people in the Lebanon.
6. He never quite knows what might come his way – there is no such thing as an average day!
7. He said that the most interesting person he had ever met was the head of the Iraqi air force.
8. The most famous person he has ever met was the previous prime minister, Tony Blair – but he has never met The Saturdays!
9. He doesn't get scared but has frequently made mistakes, although he says that he always learns from them.
10. He sometimes has to change uniform four times a day and his children call him Mr. Ben!

**“I’ve enjoyed 21 years of the RAF, both flying and leading people – it is great fun and very rewarding.”**