

CURRICULUM VITAE



Personal Data

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Professional Background

- Joined the Royal Netherlands Navy-Marine Corps in 1978
- Royal Netherlands Naval College (1978-1983)
- Rank: Colonel Royal Netherlands Marine Corps (Retired October 2014)
- From October 2014: Managing Director SOT&A
- Qualifications: Commando/"green beret" (1981), Military Parachutist (1981), Mountain Leader (1983-1984), Counter Terrorism (1992), and Military Freefall Parachutist (1993)
- 12 years of experience in leadership in a Marine Battalion
- 8 years of experience in leadership in Special Operations Forces
- 9 years of experience in different staff positions in Ministry of Defense (MoD)
- 2 years of experience in NATO-organization
- 1 year study at Command and Staff College (including study International/Foreign Affairs at Clingendael Institute)
- 17 months of experience in Command and Staff positions during joint, combined and multinational operations (Former-Yugoslavia, Iraq and Afghanistan)

Category Expertise

Special Operations
International Teamwork
Mountain Leader
Counter Terrorism
Leadership
Management
Government
Planning and Coordination
Training and Exercise
Operational Evaluation and Investigation
Threat Assessment and Security Advise

Relevant Experience

Ministry of Defense experience:

- Various overseas training and exercises as Platoon Commander, Company Commander, Battalion Training Officer and Operations Officer in a Marine Battalion , in the different positions responsible for the training and operational readiness of the battalion units (1984-1988, 1991-1992, 1995-1997)
- Officer in Command of Marine Officer Training, responsible for the selection, training and military education of marine officer candidates (1988-1991)
- Deployment to Former-Yugoslavia as Monitor of the European Community Monitoring Mission (1991)
- Commanding Officer of the RNLMC Counter Terrorism/Special Operations Forces Unit (Commandant BBE-Mariniers), responsible for the training and operational readiness and deployment of the unit (1992-1995)
- Aide-de-Camp to the Minister of Defense, within the Cabinet responsible for planning/coordination of all incoming/outgoing visits, and responsible for the personal guidance of the Minister (1998-2001)
- Head of the Special Operations Branch at MoD, responsible for planning/preparation/coordination of deployment of Royal Netherlands Army/Marine Corps Special Operations Forces (2001-2003)

- Commanding Officer of the Combat Support Battalion, including Commanding Officer of RNLMC Special Operations Forces, responsible for the training and operational readiness and deployment of the different battalion units (2003-2005)
- Deployment to Iraq as Staff Officer within a Multinational Division Headquarters in Basra for the Security Force Iraq (SFIR) mission, responsible for Planning and Security Sector Reform (2003-2004)
- Deployment to Afghanistan as Commanding Officer of the Dutch Provincial Reconstruction Team in Baghlan province, responsible for the execution of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) mission with the aim to support the Afghan provincial authorities in the field of security, governance, development and reconstruction (2005-2006)
- Staff Officer in the Evaluation Branch at MoD, responsible for the evaluation of the Dutch mission in Afghanistan/Uruzgan and special operations; responsible for Lessons Learned process; responsible for in theatre investigations (2006-2010)
- Branch Head within the Training Division of NATO Joint Force Training Centre, responsible for NATO Pre-Deployment Training of United States Division Headquarters during their operational preparation for deployment to Afghanistan (2010-2012)
- Project Leader of a multidisciplinary project team, responsible for Navy-Marine Corps related projects (2012-2014)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs experience:

- As Head of the Special Operations Branch at MoD working in close coordination with counterparts of Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regards to the assessment of emergency evacuation plans of several Dutch Embassies
- As Commanding Officer of the Dutch Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan working in close coordination with counterparts of Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regards to provincial governance matters and reconstruction projects
- As Aide-de-Camp to the Dutch Minister of Defense working in close coordination with counterparts of Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regards to the planning and execution of official visits

Ministry of Justice experience:

- As Commanding Officer of the RNLMC Counter Terrorism/Special Operations Forces Unit working in close coordination with counterparts of Ministry of Justice with regards to Dutch counter terrorism related issues

Other Experience and Education

- Ichthus College in Enschede, Atheneum (school certificate in 1978)
- Participation as representative of the Netherlands in a “survival of the fittest” competition in Northern Norway (Polar Survival Competition in 1988)
- Participation in the organization of a teambuilding event in the Belgian Ardennes for high potentials of a Dutch company (1992)
- Member of a charity foundation (Malawi Mission Work Team) with the aim to improve the standard of living in poor countries; in the past reconstruction activities were deployed in the Dominican Republic, currently the focus is on reconstruction of the Nkhoma hospital in Malawi (Africa)
- Language ability: fluent in Dutch and English, basic knowledge in German