



Biography



Deputy Commander

Lieutenant General Pascal Delerce

Lieutenant General Pascal Delerce, French Air Force, has been the Deputy Commander of NATO's Allied Air Command, headquartered at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, since August 2019.

He joined the French Air Force Academy in Salon-de-Provence in 1985 and graduated as a fighter pilot in 1988. Serving in operating units on Mirage F1C and M2000 as Air Defence pilot he has flown more than 2,500 flying hours among others during 115 combat missions in operations over Chad, Iraq and Kosovo.

After attending the French War College, he took command of the 2/2 Fighter Squadron «Côte d'Or» in 2002. During this operational period, he participated in several major exercises such as Tactical Leadership Programme, Red Flag and Maple Flag and shared his expertise inside NATO structures.

In 2003, he served as an expert in the execution of policy at the French Air Force inspectorate with a focus on air safety.

Four years later, he was assigned to the General Secretariat for National Defence, an inter-ministerial body under the authority of the French Prime Minister. Within the framework of the Air Security project his main tasks included Air Policing and military and civilian airport security.

In the summer 2009, he became Commander of Tours Air Base and, subsequently, the representative at French Air Force Air Staff and Secretary General of the Military Council for Staff in Paris, where he looked after the airmen conditions.

In 2013, he was appointed as Commander of the National Air Operations Centre at Lyon. Promoted Brigadier General on 1 August 2015, he assumed command of the Air Operations Brigade at the Air Defence and Air Operations Command; during this time he assumed command of the Joint Force Air Component for Central and West Africa located in Lyon, leading several air and joint operations in this theater, in coordination with the operational level in N'Djamena, Chad.

In 2017, he was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Air Force Command in Bordeaux-Merignac. Upon promotion to Major General on 1 March 2018, he was assigned as the Deputy Commander of the Air Force Command.

General Pascal Delerce and his wife Sophie have been married since 1990 and have three daughters. He is passionately fond of sports, especially rugby and enjoys educational and historical visits.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Brigadier General	Aug 2015
Major General	Mar 2018
Lieutenant General	Aug 2019

(Biography current as of August 2019)