

## Curriculum vitae – Major General Stéphane DUTRON



Following the Royal Cadet School, Stéphane Dutron joins the Royal Military Academy in 1986 and graduates in social and military sciences, specialization ballistics, in 1990.

After an advanced course in the Armored Cavalry School, he starts his active duty in September 1990 in a light armored reconnaissance unit in Germany. During this period in the *4th Regiment of Chasseurs à Cheval* (Horseback Hunters) he takes part to different operational commitments (former Yugoslavia in 1992 and 1994, Somalia in 1993) and occupies different posting up to deputy operations officer.

In 1996, he joins the Armored Cavalry School as head of the NCO advanced courses for 4 years. In 1998, he deploys to Ghana alongside the 3rd (US) special Forces Group in support of the US State Department's African Crisis Response Initiative.

On completion of a one-year course at the Royal Higher Institute for Defense, he is briefly appointed as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, in charge of training and planning at the 1st Mechanized Division, in 2001. Subsequently he serves as a staff officer formation, training, operations and planning upon the creation of the Belgian Land Component Command in 2002. He also takes part in several operational commitments, in Gabon and in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Promoted to major in 2005, he follows the War College at the *Collège Interarmées de Défense* in Paris, France. Following this course, he joins the long-term planning section of the Combined & Joint Operations Department of the Belgian Armed Forces. He is mainly in charge of the planning of all Belgian commitments in Afghanistan, Chad and Lebanon. During this stay, he deploys to Bujumbura at the end of 2006 to be part of the project "*harmonisation des cadres burundais*".

In 2009, he is called to briefly join the Department Strategy of the Joint Staff where he takes care of the global coherency of the planning at JS level. He also takes part in the studies concerning the structure and the level of ambition of the Belgian Defense and coordinates the NATO Defense Planning Process for the Belgian Armed Forces.

In 2010, he is called to become Battalion Commander at the Royal Military Academy and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He deploys to Kananga in the Democratic Republic of Congo to advise Congolese Flag Officers in the context of the build-up of the *Académie Militaire*.

On completion of his command, he is appointed Deputy Chief of Staff Plans at the headquarters of the *Corps de Réaction Rapide Européen* in Strasbourg, France, in 2012. At the end of his mandate, he was deployed to Kuwait in 2015 as the first Belgian representative within the headquarters of the Combined Joint Task Force commanding Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria.

Back from France, he joins the Land Component Command in 2015. Firstly as a Synthesis Officer to the Commander, in charge of concepts and transformation, and thereafter as head of the Intelligence and Security Branch, in 2016. He follows the Higher Studies Security and Defense, and he is promoted to Colonel in 2017.

In 2018 he has the responsibility of the set-up of a Defense Intelligence and Security Command and Control at the *Service Général du Renseignement et de la Sécurité* (SGRS). He takes also part in the Business Process Reengineering of the SGRS and is called to become president of its Steering Committee in May 2019. Since October 2021, he has been Deputy Chief of the SGRS.

He was appointed Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King on 1 September 2023. On 26 September 2023, he was promoted to the rank of Major General to take up the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence and Security and Director of the General Intelligence and Security Service from 01 January 2024.

Born in Soest (FRG) in 1967, he has lived in Leuven since his marriage to Isabelle Van Hoof - personal assistant to the head of neurosurgery at UZ Leuven - in 1994. He is the proud father of Nathan (1996) and Louise (1999).