

Vice Admiral
ROBBERECHT Wim
Head of Intelligence and Security Service

Following the Royal Cadet School, Wim Robberecht joins the Royal Military Academy and graduates in nautical and military sciences. In 1985 he starts on board the mine-counter-measure vessels. In 1987 he assumes his first command of the inshore minesweeper "Dinant".

In 1988, he starts the "Principal Warfare Officer course with additional tickets as Navigation & Action Information Officer and Helicopter Direction Officer". After this year of specialization, he serves on board the frigates "Wielingen" and "Westhinder".

In 1990, he is appointed Flag Lieutenant to the Chief of Naval Staff. In 1993, he returns on board frigate "Wandelaar" as Head of the Operational Department with participation in the embargo operation in front of former Yugoslavia. In 1996, on completion of his pre-commander course, he is given his second command on the minehunter "Aster" and "Narcis". As commanding officer, he sails as part of the permanent NATO squadron of mine-counter-measures vessels.

Following a course at the NATO School at Oberammergau, Germany, he is appointed Branch Chief of the NATO-desk at the Naval Staff within the Direction Plans and Programs. In 1998, as Commander, he serves as a staff officer in the Personnel Policy Branch of the Joint Staff within the Personnel Division. He takes part in the studies concerning the personnel structures of the Armed Forces in view of the restructuring programs of 1994 and 2000.

On completion of the "Maritime Warfare Course", he is appointed second in command of the frigate "Westdiep" and "Wielingen" with participation in the counter-drug-operations in the Caribbean Sea. In 2002, he graduates at the War College and becomes Director of Naval Education in Bruges, during this posting he is promoted Commander senior grade in 2003.

In 2004, he is appointed to the Director General Human Resources of the Joint Staff. During this appointment, he follows a 'Master Class in Human Resources Management' at the Vlerick Management University. In 2005, he is called to serve as Deputy Chief of Cabinet to the Chief of Defense.

In 2007, he is called to be the first commanding officer of the frigate "LEOPOLD I", Belgium acquired in the framework of the reinvestment-programs. In the two years as commanding officer, he brings the ship for the first time up to its operational level and participates in the operation "UNIFIL MarOps" in front of Lebanon.

In 2009 he is briefly appointed to the naval staff Brussels as deputy-director and thereafter to the Director General Human Resources of the Joint Staff. Promoted Captain, he follows the Higher Studies Security and Defense and in 2010 the "Cycle supérieur des Ressources humaines" in Paris. In March 2011, he is Director Maritime Operations within the Belgian Naval component and also Deputy Director operations in the bi-national Staff of Admiral BENELUX in Den Helder, Netherlands.

In 2012 he has the responsibility of the Operations Division in the Defense HQ in Brussels and in 2014, he is appointed Chief of Cabinet of the Chief of Defense. In 2016 he is promoted Rear Admiral (**) and is during four years Commander of the Maritime Component and Deputy Admiral BENELUX.

In Oct 2020, he is responsible for Combined & Joint Operations of BEL Armed Forces (CJO) and promoted Vice Admiral on 26th March 2021. From 23th Aug he is Chief of the Intelligence and Security Service.

Born in Kortrijk in 1962, married to Ann Dubois and father of three, he is living in the country-region of Aalst.

He has been awarded the following honorary distinctions: Sword of His Majesty the King, Grand Officer in the Order of the Crown, Commander in the Order of Leopold, Military Cross First Class, Officer in the Order of Oranje-Nassau (Netherlands), National Award for Operations abroad, the NATO and the WEU-medal for the participation in the operation 'Sharp Guard' and the UN-Service-medal for participation in the operation 'UNIFIL MarOps'.

