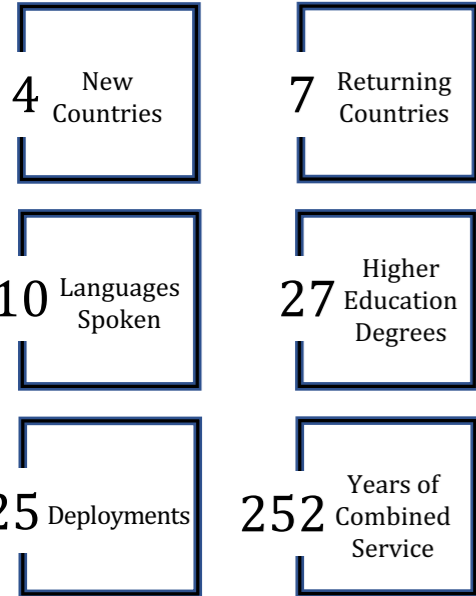


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Group Captain Carol Abraham joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1989, graduating as Aircrew Navigator in 1994, serving on tactical transport aircraft, as a UN Military Observer, and as Detachment Commander for NZDF Air Transport operations. She was Commanding Officer of the RNZAF Ground Training Wing, and has held a range of staff roles in RNZAF Air Command, Headquarters Air Staff (plans and strategy), and Headquarters Joint Forces Command (operations). In 2004 she graduated NZDF Joint Staff Course, and in 2008 studied at the Vietnam National Defence Academy. In 2015 Group Captain Abraham graduated from USAF Air War College. She was then appointed Air Advisor, Canberra and later promoted to be Head New Zealand Defence Staff and Defence Advisor, Canberra. In 2018 she assumed the role of Assistant Chief of Air Force – Strategy Management, and then held the appointment of Deputy Chief of Air Force for a period of 10 months from April 2019 in the rank of acting Air Commodore. In June 2020 Group Captain Abraham commenced her current role as Chief Defence Strategy Management.



Colonel Katharine Branson
Wing Commander for the Air Force Technical Applications Center,
Patrick Air Force Base Florida
United States Air Force

Colonel Katharine Branson is the Wing Commander for the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base Florida. Before this assignment, she served as the Group Commander for the Space, Missiles, and Forces Intelligence Group, National Air and Space Intelligence Center. She received her commission in the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioning program at the University of Georgia in June 1997, where she earned the Distinguished Graduate honor. She is a career intelligence officer with experience in airborne ISR, AOC operations and National level intelligence. She has spent time at NATO, MAJCOM, and unit level intelligence support activities, and commanded at the Squadron and Group Levels. She has deployed in support of several operations including Operation ALLIED FORCE; Operation JOINT GUARDIAN at the NATO Headquarters for Kosovo Forces in Pristina, Kosovo; and repeatedly in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT from Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. After completing a Master of Public Policy program at Princeton University, she served as Senior Duty Officer in the White House Situation Room.

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Captain Peggy Britton
Executive Assistant, DHS Joint Task Force-East
United States Coast Guard

CAPT Peggy M. Britton serves as the Executive Assistant for the DHS Joint Task Force-East. She supports the three-star Director and Deputy Directors from three DHS components and coordinates strategic engagements throughout the United States and Caribbean to counter Transnational Criminal Organizations. Her previous operational duties include both ashore and afloat assignments. Most recently, CAPT Britton served as the Chief of Response for Sector Virginia. She oversaw all-hazards response and incident management in Virginia waters. She was Search and Rescue (SAR) Mission Coordinator for over 300 SAR cases, Deputy Incident Commander for a complex jet fuel spill, and lead responses to multiple port incidents and hurricane events. She directly oversaw 325 personnel, five 87' patrol boats, and six multi-mission CG stations. CAPT Britton's previous operational assignments include three tours afloat: USCGC WILLIAM TATE as the Commanding Officer, USCGC KUKUI as the Executive Officer, and USCGC ELM. Her SAR expertise was honed as a Command Duty Officer at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Honolulu, Hawai'i. CAPT Britton's diverse career includes multiple positions in Coast Guard International Affairs, including as International Resident Training Branch Chief and team leader for the International Training Division, deploying to more than 32 countries world-wide.



Colonel Catherine Busch
Finance Deputy
Aeronautics Maintenance Directory
French Army

Colonel Catherine Busch completed her training at the Special Military Academy of SAINT-CYR, Angers School of Engineering in 1996. She chose as her 1st assignment the 13th Engineer Regiment (13th RG) in Epernay, where she served as lieutenant from 2000 to 2003 as combat engineer platoon leader. Promoted captain in 2003, she joined the Schools of Coetquidan, where she was cadets platoon leader in Saint-Cyr. Assigned to the 19th Engineer Regiment in Besancon, she took command of a Combat Company from 2006 to 2008. Promoted major in 2009, she was admitted to the entrance exam to War College the same year. Assigned to Paris in 2010, she attended the General Staff Course in 2010 and then was deployed as liaison officer of the Combined Joint Task Force- Horn of Africa (CJTF- HOA) in DJIBOUTI. She studied at War College in 2011-12 and then carried out a Master's degree in Audit and Consulting at Paris Business School (ESCP) in 2012-2013. She joined the 19th RG in 2013 to take up the post of head of the operations-training office. Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel the same year, she was deployed in Chad from July 2014 to January 2015 as head of the engineering cell (Joint Force Engineer (JFE)) at the Joint Theater Head Quarter (PCIAT) of the operation Barkhane. Assigned to Coetquidan in July 2015, she took command of the promotion from 2015-2018 of the Special Military Academy of Saint-Cyr.

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She was from 2019 to 2021 the commanding officer of the 31st Engineer Regiment in CASTELSARRASIN and participated to exercise WARFIGHTER 21-04 in TEXAS. She is currently assigned to the Armed Forces Headquarter as financial officer.



Colonel Rejanne Eimers-van Nes
Commander, Personnel Logistics
Royal Netherlands Army

Colonel Rejanne Eimers-van Nes completed the Royal Military Academy in Breda (NLD) in 1995. She then held various positions within operational units and within the training domain of the Royal Netherlands Army. In 1996 and 1998, she was deployed twice to Bosnia. After studying Sociology at the University of Groningen, Colonel Eimers-van Nes held various positions within the RNLDA. She worked at NATO headquarters in Muenster (Germany) from 2009-2013 and was closely involved in the further development and reorganization of the headquarters. After serving in the position of Chief of Staff within the Army Training Command, she became Commander of a mechanized Brigade Medical Support Company from 2015-2017. She was deployed to Kabul (RSM) in November 2017 and served for six months as the military advisor of the Senior Civilian Representative within the mission. She had frequent contact with embassies in Kabul, civil authorities and government officials within the Afghan Government and the NATO headquarters of Brussels (Belgium). In mid-2019, Colonel Eimers-van Nes became the Commander of the Personnel Logistic Command of the RNLDA. Proud to serve within the RNLDA, she is comfortable being in leadership positions to contribute to the core business of the armed forces.



Colonel Ivana Gutzelnig, MD
Director, Military Centre of Aviation Medicine
Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic

Colonel Ivana Gutzelnig, MD has been serving as a professional soldier within the Slovak Armed Forces since 2000. In 2018, she was appointed as Director of the Military Centre of Aviation Medicine Sliac, a part of the Central Military and Teaching Hospital SNP Ruzomberok, Slovak Republic. Her responsibilities include the complete medical care, the selection of pilots, and the medical fitness assessment as a part of flight crews licensing of military and civilian aircrew members. Before this post, she was the Chief of the Medical Service of the Slovak Air Force. During her military career, she has been stationed in several other positions as a commanding officer of the medical service, the medical advisor to operations, training and strategic planning for the complete medical cover from the battalion to forces level. She was deployed abroad twice as a member of a United Nations peacekeeping mission. She holds a Doctor of Medicine degree from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak Republic and she is a general medicine specialist certified in aviation medicine. She completed certification studies in Germany and she successfully accomplished the Medical Strategic Leadership Program Course in the USA.

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Colonel Dr. Stephanie Krause
Head of Department, Joint Medical
CC-Command
German Armed Forces

Dr. Stephanie H. Krause is the Command Officer Medical Regiment 1, Weißenfels for the Medical Corps in Germany. She entered the German Armed Forces in 1998 and became a medical officer cadet. She studied at Magdeburg until 2004 and finished her MD. After that, she served in internships in the Department for Psychiatry and the Department for Anesthesiology. After several years as a company commander, she was chosen to participate in the general staff course for two years. In the following five years she had the honor to serve in the Ministry of Defence, including more than two years as a personal referee of the Secretary of State. She was deployed twice: first in Afghanistan in 2008-09 and then in Mali in 2019, each time as the senior medical officer and adviser to the commander of the mission. In March of 2021 she was deployed to Potsdam as Head of Department JMed Missions.



Colonel Geneviève Lehoux
Commander, RCAF Aerospace Warfare Centre
Canadian Air Force

Colonel Geneviève Lehoux enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1992 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, in 1997 with a Baccalaureate in Civil Engineering. Her career covered various postings within the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Joint Environment. Her operational tours include a deployment to Kumanovo in the Republic of North Macedonia in 1998 where she served as a construction projects Contracts Officer, and a deployment to Aviano, Italy in 2000 as the Task Force Engineer. Colonel Lehoux was posted to Wing Construction Engineering Units where she held sub-command and staff positions. Her primary staff duties include assignments as assistant-professor in the Civil Engineering Department at RMC, J3 Operations officer at the Canadian Forces Joint Support Group HQ, and Joint Engineer at Canadian Joint Operations Command. In 2015, she became the Commanding Officer of the 17 Wing Logistics and Engineering Branch and later took on the position of Deputy Wing Commander. She was employed as the Director Military Careers Administration from 2019 to 2021 and assumed Command of the RCAF Aerospace Warfare Centre in May 2021. Colonel Lehoux is a graduate of the Joint Command Staff Programme and has a Master of Applied Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Defence Studies.

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Lieutenant Colonel Lene Lillelund
Battalion Commander, Logistics Regiment
Danish Army

Lieutenant Colonel Lene Lillelund joined the Armed Forces in 1999 and was later commissioned as an Officer. She has served as an officer with both the Artillery, Logistics as well as the Infantry. She has developed strong skills in operational planning at the tactical and operational level. Lieutenant Colonel Lillelund served in leadership positions from platoon level to the joint level, where she was appointed to head the J5 in the Danish Strategic Logistics Organization. In addition to this she has significant experience with strategic leadership, decision-making and policy development at the military-strategic level. As a graduate of the Army Academy, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Military Science. Upon graduation she was awarded a Scholarship for her overall performance. In 2009 she was awarded an acknowledgement from the Commander of Danish Division for exceptional leadership skills. After graduating the Danish General Staff Course, she was awarded a scholarship for being top of her class. She served as second in command in Basra and as Company Commander in Helmand, where she participated in several operations as commander. Alongside her current job as Battalion Commander she is Vice Chairman of an Army Women's Network, which works to recognize women's contributions to the Army.



Captain Fiona McNaught
Director, Fleet Logistics
Royal Australian Navy

Captain Fiona McNaught joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Logistics Officer in 1987, graduating from the Australian Defence Force Academy with a Bachelor of Arts. As a junior officer, she received a broad grounding in logistics, personnel and administrative roles, including sea postings in hydrographic survey and amphibious ships. In 2001 she completed the Logistics Executive Development Course at the US Army Logistics Management College, Virginia. She completed Australian Command and Staff Course in 2005, and holds a Masters in Business Administration. At the rank of Commander she was employed in Navy's strategic headquarters, covering Ministerial Coordination, Sensitive Issues Management, Navy Logistics Capability and Workforce Management. She was Executive Officer of the Navy Officer Training establishment HMAS Creswell. At this rank she also took a career break, spending 3 years on unpaid leave as an accompanying spouse in the US. Promoted to Captain in 2018, she assumed command of the Australian Defence Force's Joint Movement Unit. In 2021, Captain McNaught posted as Director Fleet Logistics, Fleet Command Australia. Captain McNaught's hobbies include cooking and Lego. She is married to Simon (an Army Officer), with whom she has two teenage daughters (and two cats who cover everything in white fur).

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Lieutenant Colonel Beatriz Meléndez Lagunilla
Battalion Commander, Army Engineers Signal & Sappers Academy
Spanish Army

Lieutenant Colonel Beatriz Meléndez Lagunilla is the Signal Cadets Battalion commander. Her NATO experience includes being a representative of the Spanish delegation in the former Committee of Women in NATO Forces (2006, 2007), currently Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and her participation in NATO multinational exercises (Gordian Knot 2005, Combined Endeavour 2002, 2003). Her international experience includes three deployments in Lebanon as part of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in 2016, in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of European Force (EUFOR) in 2005, and NATO Stabilization Force (SFOR) in 2003. She has earned the Spanish Joint Staff Course, the Army Electronic War Diploma, and the Army Technical Military Communication Diploma. She also completed two Master's in Communication and Information System for Security and Defense and in Defense Policy and International Security.



Colonel Victoria Moorhouse
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Medical, Headquarters Field Army
British Army

Colonel Victoria Moorhouse, an Army Medical Services Officer and physiotherapist by qualification, was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1999 after university and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. She has worked in large headquarters on organizational change programs and medical capability development. Most recently, she has been working in the MODs principal operational HQ that manages all overseas operations as the medical lead for the COVID 19 response. This has included cross-government efforts for evacuation from overseas as well as providing public health and advice to non-medical commanders to enable risk-based decision making. Her current role is as the senior medical advisor to the Commander of the Field Army and to the Land Operations Centre. She has 20 years' experience of Defence, leading teams ranging in size from 4-450, in complex operational environments, overseas with Allies, NATO, NGOs, with other government departments, and across the UK. As an alumnus of the Windsor Leadership Trust, she is passionate about leadership and developing future leaders through coaching and mentoring.

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Major General Germaine Seewer
Commandant, Armed Forces College
Deputy Chief, Training and Education Command
Swiss Armed Forces

Major General Seewer currently commands the Swiss Armed Forces College with the Commander and Staff Officer School, the General Staff School, the Military Academy of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, and the Armed Forces Professional NCO School. In charge of leadership and staff training of conscript cadre from company level upwards of the career officers and NCO, and of military science teaching and research, she directly reports to the Chief of Training and Education Command and acts as his deputy. Major General Seewer was Head of Operations and Deputy Head of Missions at Swiss International Command SWISSINT, Commandant of the Air Force LOS Battalion, and became the Commandant of the AF Command Support Schools. In 2010 she was assigned Chief of AF Training and 2011 was additionally named Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff. In 2013 she was promoted to Brigadier General and Head of Armed Forces Personnel. In 2018 she became Commandant Command Support Brigade 41. She served in 2000 at SWISSCOY in KFOR and 2004 for UN in Ethiopia and Eritrea. She holds a PhD (Dr. sc.nat. ETH Zurich) and an Executive Master of Public Administration from the University of Bern. She also attended the NATO Defense College Senior Course in Rome in 2011.