

CURRICULUM VITAE

Major General Stephan Thomas

Deputy Commander 1 (German/Netherlands) Corps



Major General Stephan Thomas was born on 22 October 1957 in Berlin. In 1976, he entered the service as officer candidate at Tank Battalion 144 in Koblenz. He was trained as tank platoon leader at the Armor School in Munster one year later. He studied economic science and management at the Bundeswehr University in Hamburg.

From 1981 to 1985, he was platoon commander and S2 officer with Tank Battalion 34 in Nienburg. A three-year assignment as Commander of 4th Coy/Tank Battalion in Braunschweig followed. Subsequently, he completed the 31st Army General Staff Officer Course at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg.

From 1990 to 1993, Major General Thomas was Assistant Chief of Branch “Military Intelligence Policy Matters” at the Army Staff of the Federal Ministry of Defence in Bonn. This was followed by assignments of two years each as G3 Staff Officer, Chief of Staff of 18 Armoured Brigade in Neumünster, and G3 Staff Officer at HQ Baltap, Karup/Denmark.

During his assignment as Commander of 423 Tank Battalion between 1997 and 2000 in Brück/Mark, he was employed for seven months as Commander of Manoeuvre Battalion 1/TF in Prizren (Kosovo). His next assignment was at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg as Lecturer “Command and Control of Military Forces” and as Tutor of the 42nd and 44th Army General Staff Officer Course. This was followed by a two-year assignment as G3 Branch Chief with 14th Armoured Infantry Division “Hanse” in Neubrandenburg. During this period he deployed for a second time abroad as Commander of the DEU/ITA Battle Group and Commander of the DEU SFOR contingent.

In 2004, he transferred once more to the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg. At this time as Head of the Department “Army Leadership Doctrine” In 2007, after having attended a course at the Federal College for Security Policy Studies in Berlin, he became Branch Chief at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Army Staff, in Bonn. As of April 2010, he commanded 12 Armoured Brigade “Oberpfalz” in Amberg and from June 2010 to January 2011, he acted as Commander of the multinational Battle Group South and Commander of the KFOR German contingent.

From 2012 to 2014 Major General Thomas was the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Training of 1 (German/Netherlands) Corps. From 2014 to 2016 he was Deputy Commander Rapidly Deploy Forces Division in Stadtallendorf.

Since March 2016 he is Deputy Commander 1 (German/Netherlands) Corps. Major General Thomas is married and has a son and a daughter.