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Major General Gerard Koot

Deputy Commander 1 (German/Netherlands) Corps



Following a short posting at the Cavalry Training Centre in 1985, Koot was posted as platoon commander to 43 Tank Battalion of the Sytzama Hussars Regiment in Germany and in 1990, he became commander of Alfa Squadron. In 1992, he was posted as combat intelligence captain on the staff of the 4th Division.

After completing the Staff Service Course in 1994, he attended Advanced Military Studies until 1996. He was subsequently posted in the rank of major as policy advisor to the Directorate-General of Personnel. In 1998, he became Deputy Head of G3 of the Operational Staff of the Commander of the Royal Netherlands Army. In 2001, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and posted as staff officer for planning to the former Defence Crisis Management Centre. Early in 2003, he was appointed as Head of Operations of G3 of the North-West Multinational Brigade in Bosnia. On returning from this mission, he continued in the operations domain as Chief of Close and Rear Operations of the G3 branch at the 1 German/Netherlands Corps headquarters in Münster, Germany.

In August 2005, he assumed command of 11 Tank Battalion of the Sytzama Hussars Regiment in Oirschot and, in November 2006, he was deployed to Uruzgan as Commander of the Provincial Reconstruction Team. In 2008, he handed over command to his successor and subsequently completed the Defence Top Management Course at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague. In July 2008, he became Head of the Advisory Group of the Personal Office of the Commander of the Royal Netherlands Army. In this post, he was responsible for drawing up the vision of the Royal Netherlands Army with regard to land operations. In October 2010, he was posted as policy advisor to the Principal Directorate of General Policy Affairs of the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, where civil-military cooperation was among his duties.

From October 2010 to November 2013, Koot was deployed to Afghanistan, where he was special advisor to the Senior Civilian Representative of the NATO Secretary-General. In December 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and assumed the position of Deputy Director of Plans on the Defence Staff until May 2016. In this post, his responsibilities included a range of large materiel projects, real-estate files, civil-military cooperation and knowledge and innovation.

On 12 May 2016, Brigadier General Koot assumed command of 13 Light Armoured Brigade in Oirschot. In 2019 he took over as Deputy Commander of 1 German/Netherlands Corps and was promoted to the rank of Major General.

Major General Koot is married and has two children, born in 1989 and 1991.

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