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## MILITARY LIFE

I started military life as an officer-cadet at the Royal Military Academy in Breda, the Netherlands in 1981. During the first 12 years of my officer career I was a meteorologist at Deelen and Volkel airbases. After further education at Wageningen University, I was stationed at Woensdrecht airbase and the staff HQ of 1<sup>st</sup> Ge/NL Corps Münster, Germany.

After these operational postings I switched to Plans and Policy postings and enjoyed staff college in 2000/2001. Following that, I joined the EU Presidency Task Force of the MOD to advise on the EU Military Committee. I continued working as a EU staff officer for quite sometime afterwards. The Interdepartmental Study Group on the Future of the Armed Forces came next on my path from 2008 to 2010, where I was the CHOD's representative.

After a 6+ month operational deployment on the West Bank at the Palestinian Leadership Academy and the MOI, I came back to the Airstaff in Breda. There my team and I took up work on policies on the Military Use of Space, International Military Cooperation and Triple Helix policies.

I enjoyed being a Senior Course member at the NATO Defence College in Rome in 2014/2015, where strategic insights and strategic thinking really appealed to my interests.

A second 6+ month deployment to again the Palestinian Leadership Academy in Jericho, West Bank followed, after which I was seconded to the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS). There my main topics were NATO and EU Defense Planning, Unmanned systems (and their associated artificial intelligence) and Militarisation of Space

As of 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021 I was granted retirement as an Air Force Officer, with full honors.

## CIVIL LIFE

In November 2021, I started Bolder Security-Technology-Space (BolderSTS) a consultancy business to answer questions and to help setting up policies concerning Defence Planning, the use of unmanned military systems, untangle issues around the use of Artificial Intelligence in the military environment, give insight to the military use of the Space Domain and make logic of novel military technology as e.g. Hypersonics. I am also open to participate as a specialist on above issues in podcasts or explain these in news items on radio and television or conduct briefings and presentations.