

**Rear Admiral Jean-Frédéric Plobner**, Deputy Commander of the Mediterranean Maritime Zone (CECMED), France

**Rear Admiral Jean-Frédéric Plobner** was born in Argenteuil on 27 October 1962. He entered the Naval Academy on 1 September 1982 and conducted applied sea training on the helicopter-carrier and training ship Jeanne d'Arc in 1984-1985. He chose to specialize in Naval Aviation and attended the pilot officer course in Salon-de-Provence in 1986. After qualifying as a multi-engine pilot, he was assigned to the 23 F Maritime Patrol Squadron at Naval Air Base Lann-Bihoué, flying the Breguet-Atlantic, and participating in Operation Epervier in Chad.

Promoted to Lieutenant, he joined the 24 F Squadron as an Aircraft Commander. During this period, he transitioned to the upgraded Atlantique 2 aircraft.

He joined the staff of the Naval Action Force in Toulon in September 2000 in the Force Management division. During this assignment, he took part in numerous joint and multinational exercises. In September 2009, he assumed the duties of Chief of Staff for the Inspector General of the Armed Forces – Marine, and Director of the Bureau of Accident Investigation - Sea. Appointed as an intern at the NATO Defense College in Rome in August 2010, he was assigned as a military professor at the École de Guerre.

In June 2011, he was assigned to the Naval Headquarters as Head of the Personnel Status Office. He also served as Secretary General of the Naval Military Council. In September 2013, he was appointed Inspector for Naval Aviation and the Chief of Staff of Naval Inspection.

On August 28, 2017 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed Deputy Commander of the Mediterranean Maritime Zone (CECMED) in Toulon.

Rear Admiral Jean-Frédéric Plobner is Officer of the Legion of Honor and Officer of Maritime Merit. He has been awarded the Cross of Military Valor, the Combatant's Cross, the Aeronautical Medal, the Overseas Medal with Chad device, the Gold National Defense Medal with both Surface Warship and Naval Aviation devices, the French commemorative medal with Former-Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Haiti devices, the NATO medal with Former-Yugoslavia device, and the Western European Union medal with Former-Yugoslavia device.