

Lieutenant General Eric PELTIER, Deputy Director, General Directorate of International Relations and Strategy, Ministry of Armed Forces, France

Army Corps General (Land Forces) Éric PELTIER entered the Special Military School of SAINT-CYR COËTQUIDAN in 1990 (General Guillaume Class), then chose the Armored Cavalry Branch. After a year of training at the Armored Cavalry Application School in SAUMUR (1993–1994), he served as a lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoon Regiment in LAON.

In 1996, he was transferred to the 1st Parachute Hussar Regiment in TARBES as a platoon leader. He was deployed to the Central African Republic during Operation ALMANDIN.

He was promoted to captain in 1997. He then served as deputy officer and took part in Operation ALMANDIN III, before taking command of an armored squadron in 1999. At the head of his unit, he was deployed to CHAD and then to KOSOVO as part of Operation TRIDENT.

Promoted to squadron leader (commandant/major), he was assigned to the SAINT-CYR COËTQUIDAN School from 2002 to 2004, where he commanded a company of officer cadets at the Inter-Arms Military School. After passing the War College entrance exam in 2004, he was deployed to HAITI as an intelligence officer with the MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission).

He then attended the Senior Staff College (CSEM), followed by the 13th class of the Joint Defense College (CID). He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in 2006. That same year, he was appointed chief of the operations-training office of the 1st Parachute Hussar Regiment and deployed again to KOSOVO.

In 2008, he was assigned to the headquarters of the 11th Parachute Brigade in TOULOUSE, serving as head of the employment-operations office. He was deployed to AFGHANISTAN during this time.

After being promoted to colonel, he joined the office of the Chief of Defense Staff in 2010, where for two years he worked as a speechwriter and strategic affairs officer for the Chief of Defense Staff, Admiral Guillaud, and the Deputy Chief of Defense, General de Villiers.

From July 2012 to July 2014, he commanded the 1st Parachute Hussar Regiment. With his regiment, he was deployed to LEBANON, commanding the Force Commander Reserve (FCR) of UNIFIL.

In September 2014, he was assigned to the Defense Staff, where he was responsible for the strategic planning of the armed forces and performance management across the armed forces, directorates, and services.

From August 2015, he attended the 65th session of the Center for Advanced Military Studies and the 68th session of the Institute for Higher National Defense Studies.

On July 1, 2016, he joined the Directorate of Military Intelligence as Chief of Staff.

Promoted to brigadier general on June 1, 2019, he served for 14 months as commander of the European Union Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM-RCA).

On November 1, 2020, General PELTIER was assigned to the Defense Staff as head of the "South Bilateral Cooperation" division.

After being promoted to major general (divisional general) on September 1, 2022, he became the senior officer for "International Military Relations" at the Defense Staff.

Major General Éric PELTIER is an Officer of the Legion of Honor, a Commander of the National Order of Merit, and the recipient of the Cross of Military Valor with three citations.

On August 1, 2024, he was elevated to the rank and title of Army Corps General (GCA) and assigned to the Directorate General for International Relations and Strategy (DGRIS) as Deputy Director General (DG2).