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Captain (French Navy)

Date of birth : 9th June 1968 - Mont-de-Marsan (France)

Captain Bertrand Drescher is a 1991 graduate from the French naval Academy. Following his graduation course he was trained as an aviator and received his wings as an helicopter pilot in 1994.

He was successively assigned as flight commander on board ASW and ASuW destroyers, being qualified as pilot in command and instructor on AS316/319 Alouette III, WG13 Lynx and AS365 Dauphin / Panther shipborne helicopters, and served for one year as aviation and amphibious warfare officer on board LSD FS Siroco.

After taking part to a two years personal exchange program with Germany at Nordholz NAS, he led the tactical training and simulation center stationed in Saint-Mandrier near Toulon. He then was designated commanding officer of the 35F helicopter squadron, from 2004 to 2006 in Hyères.

Selected for the *Ecole de Guerre* in 2003, he graduated from the *Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr* in Hamburg in 2008 and moved to Paris Navy HQ as head of N7 in charge of developing lessons learnt and leading operational studies. He served one full year as DCOS Ops (afloat on board FS Somme and later ashore in Abu Dhabi) of *ALINDIEN COMFOR EAU* French joint regional command.

Assuming operational control of French assets for the Middle East/Indian Ocean operation area, he also was deeply involved into defense plans development with regional partners and major allies and into crisis response against piracy and in the early phase of the “arab spring” in 2011.

From 2011 to 2013, Capt. Drescher served at the joint armed forces HQ in Paris, plans and policy joint directorate, in charge of naval warfare and several dedicated joint domains.

Privileged to be selected for naval attaché in Germany, he served at the French embassy in Berlin for three years before returning to Paris as senior staff officer.

Head of training, education and joint exercises for the operational level at the (French) command for joint operations (CPOIA), he was senior lead planner for major joint exercises series such as Gulf (UAE - 2016) and mission commander for short deployments in Saudi Arabia and Japan (2018). Since 2019, Head of doctrine and employment policy of naval forces, naval intelligence general organization and coordination, Captain Drescher is therefore still involved into current naval and joint operations, global planning defense processes and participates into French naval strategy development.

Captain Drescher is married with Kathleen and father of three children.

Education / Courses / Appointments

- 1988-1990 Naval Academy – Brest (Finistère)
- 1990-1991 Helicopter Carrier « Jeanne d’Arc » – Brest (Finistère)
Graduation from the Ecole Navale
- 1991-1992 Aviso « Second maître Le Bihan » – Cherbourg (Manche)
- 1992-1994 Ecole des officiers brevetés d’aéronautique – Salon de Provence
Fixed/ Rotary Wing pilot trainings
Graduation from the Ecole de l’Air
- 1994- 1995 Helicopter Squadron 35F – Brest (Finistère)
- 1995-1996 Flight 35F o/b HC « Jeanne d’Arc » – Brest (Finistère)
- 1996- 1998 ASW Helicopter Squadron 34F, Flight Cdr o/b FN ASW Frigate (FASM) « Primauguet » -
Brest (Finistère) / WG 13 Lynx
- 1998-1999 Aviation Ops Officer, LPD « Siroco » - Toulon (Var)
- 1999- 2000 ASuW Helicopter Squadron 36F,
Flight Cdr o/b FN AAW Frigate « Jean Bart » - Toulon (Var) / AS565 Panther
- 2000-2002 – PEP Germany, MFG3 « Graf Zeppelin » / Sea Lynx MK88/ MK88A, Nordholz

- 2002-2003 – Commanding Officer Tactical training and simulation center, FNA Air Station Saint-Mandrier
Admitted to the French Armed Forces War College (Ecole de Guerre)
- 2003-2006- XO / Commanding Officer Helicopter Squadron 35F, FNA Air Station Hyères

- 2006-2008 – Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr, Staff Officers Course (National), Hamburg.
- 2008-2010- French Navy HQ (EMM) Paris, Maritime Ops Center, Head of N7 Cell
- 2010-2011- French Armed Forces Joint Command for Indian Ocean (EMIA / ALINDIEN),
Deputy COS / Operations, FS Somme, Abu Dhabi
- 2011-2013- French Armed Forces JHQ (EMA), Paris, Plans and Policy
Amphibious domain / SF / PsyOps / Acft Carrier and other platforms FW/RW OPS

- 2013-2016 – French naval Attaché for Germany, Berlin.

- 2016-201...- (French) Command for Joint Operations Creil / Paris (CPOIA)
Head of Training / Education (expertise development planning at the operationnal level) / Joint exercises

- 2019-current – Navy Headquarters (Paris), Head of Doctrine and Employment policy of naval forces,
Naval intelligence general organization and coordination

Other:

Helicopter pilot / 3100 Flight hours, ASW – AsuW / SAR.

Diver course (1990), PWO (1997), Amphibious Warfare Tactical Course (2008)

Officer promotions and successive rankings :

Aspirant le 01.09.1989 – Enseigne de vaisseau de 2e classe le 01.08.1990 - Enseigne de vaisseau de 1re classe le 01.08.1991 – Lieutenant de vaisseau le 01.08.1995 – Capitaine de corvette le 01.11.2000 – Capitaine de frégate le 01.11.2005 – Capitaine de vaisseau le 01.08.2012.