

## Biography J.A.H. van Hoof



Air Commodore Jan A.H. van Hoof was born in 1955 in Zeelst (near Eindhoven, Netherlands). He started his military career in 1975 at the Royal Military Academy in Breda. After graduation in 1979 his first assignment was that of instructor primary military training for NCO's to-be.

In 1983 he was assigned as ground defence officer to the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Missile Group in Stolzenau, Germany.

This was followed by an appointment as staff officer at NATO HQ at Ramstein Germany (AAFCE) in Defensive Operations Division, the survival to operate branch. During this tour he was primarily involved with Tactical Evaluations throughout Nato-Europe in the field of "survival to operate" and "command and control". Back in the Netherlands he was posted to the F-16 Air Base Leeuwarden, responsible for ground- and air defence of the base.

In 1992 he successfully finished Staff College, followed by staff tours in plans and policy branches at the Royal Netherlands Air Force Tactical HQ and at MOD-level where he received his colonel-rank. In 2000 he was given the position of controller in the Air Force Tactical HQ responsible for finance, operational- and information-management.

January 2003 he was appointed as Commander of the Dutch Patriot Missile Group at Airbase the Peel. With his unit he supported in the early months of 2003 the operation Display Deterrence during the second Gulf-war from Dyrbakir and Batman in Turkey. As Commander he also lead and executed a mayor reorganisation of his unit. The last six months of his command, which ended February 2005, he set-up and headed, as part of the ISAF-mission, the first Dutch Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) at Pol-e Khomri, province Baghlan, in northern Afghanistan.

As of 1 February 2005 he was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore. He was transferred to the Ministry of Defence in The Hague as Deputy Director of Operational Policy at the Defence Staff. Studies on Network Enabled Capabilities, Strategic Airlift, Air to Ground Surveillance and a study into a reorganisation of the Defence Operations Centre where a few of many studies conducted during that tour.

February 2008 he started in his current position: Assistant Director Capabilities of the Joint Air Power Competence Centre at Kalkar in Germany.

Air Commodore Jan van Hoof is married to Janneke. They have two sons, Erwin and Wouter, both in their twenties.