

Lieutenant General Friedrich - Wilhelm Ploeger

Executive Director JAPCC



Lieutenant General Ploeger holds a triple-hatted position at Kalkar / Uedem, Germany: as Commander German Air Force Air Operations Command (GAFAOC), Commander Combined Air Operations Centre 2 and Executive Director Joint Air Power Competence Centre (JAPCC).

As Executive Director, Lieutenant General Ploeger supports the Director of the JAPCC as Joint Air Advisor to Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) in order to facilitate joint air power transformation at strategic level.

Lieutenant General Ploeger's career started in 1967. After his officer candidate training, he was trained as Intercept controller and stayed in this field throughout various assignments. He attended the German General Staff Officers' Course at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg in 1980.

Lieutenant General Ploeger held various national and international positions, including command positions within the German Air Force, the German Air Staff, the German Ministry of Defence and the Nuclear Planning, Policy and Strategy Section within the German Delegation to NATO in Brussels. He also acted as Assistant Chief of Armed Forces Staff Division Politico-Military Affairs and Arms Control (Fü S III) at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin.

In October 2003 Lieutenant General Ploeger assumed command of 2nd (DEU) Air Division in Birkenfeld, Germany.

He has been awarded the silver and gold Cross of Honour of the German Armed Forces the Federal Merit Cross with Ribbon of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Black Eagle Order 3rd Class of the Republic of Estonia.