

Lieutenant General Cyril CARCY

French Military Representative to NATO and EU



Lieutenant General Carcy joined the French Air Force Academy in 1989 and has served in the Air Force for 35 years.

His early assignments included postings to the *Jaguar* Tactical Fighter Unit and the *Mirage F1CR* Reconnaissance Squadron. Over the course of the seven years spent within flying operational units, he was deployed to 11 overseas operations including Bosnia, the Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, and Iraq.

In 2004, after one year of professional development, he graduated from the French War College and served as the Deputy UAV Squadron Commander before taking command in 2006.

After completing the test and evaluation period of the Harfang system, a MALE UAV derivative of the Israeli *Heron 1*, he deployed the new drone at Bagram Air Base (Afghanistan) in January 2009 and flew operational missions in support of the ISAF (International Security Assistance Forces).

Back from Afghanistan in July 2009, he served as the Military Assistant to the Chief of Air Staff (CSAF). He spent three years providing daily support to the CSAF on various topics dealing with operations, capabilities, and international affairs.

In 2012, he was appointed to the position of Air Strategist to the CSAF Strategic Studies Group to the USAF Headquarters at the Pentagon, Washington DC. Two years later, he returned from the United States and took command of CREIL Air Force Base. At that time, he was in charge of providing support to and commanding 3,500 personnel on a joint base.

In 2016, he attended the 64th class of the French National Defense Institute before serving as the Joint Staff J2 Chief. After two years of providing threat assessment, he served as the Deputy Commander of BARKHANE overseas operation for one year.

He served as Defense Attaché in Washington DC from 2020 to 2022.

In summer 2022, he was appointed as the Deputy Head of the French Military Intelligence Directorate.

As of August 1st 2025, he was promoted Lieutenant General and is the French Military Representative to NATO and EU.

Lieutenant General Carcy is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours, including more than 130 combat missions.

Lieutenant General Carcy is married to Tania and they have one child. He regularly competes in endurance races and enjoys cooking.

EDUCATION

1992 Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, French Air Force Academy
2000 Combat Survival Instructor, Mont de Marsan AFB, France
2004 Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, War College, Paris

ASSIGNMENTS

1993 – 1997 Jaguar Tactical and Laser Guided Mission Fighter Squadron – TOUL AFB
1997 – 2000 Mirage F1CR Reconnaissance Squadron – REIMS AFB
2000 – 2003 Joint Survival Training Squadron Commander – CAZAUX AFB
2003 – 2004 French War College – 11th Cohort – PARIS
2004 – 2006 Deputy Commander – MALE UAV Squadron – MONT DE MARSAN AFB
2006 – 2009 Commander – MALE UAV Squadron – MONT DE MARSAN AFB
2009 – 2012 Executive Officer to the Chief of Air Staff – PARIS
2012 – 2014 Air Strategist to the CSAF's Strategic Studies Group - Pentagon – WASHINGTON
2014 – 2016 CREIL Air Force Base Commander
2016 – 2017 French National Defense Institute – PARIS
2017 – 2019 J2 Chief – Permanent Joint Headquarters – PARIS
2019 – 2020 Deputy Commander of Operation BARKHANE – N'DJAMENA (CHAD)
2020 – 2022 Defense Attaché – WASHINGTON D.C.
2022 – 2025 Deputy Director of the French Military Intelligence Directorate – PARIS

PROMOTION

May 2009 Colonel
June 2019 Brigadier General
May 2022 Major General
August 2025 Lieutenant General

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Commander of the Legion of Honor
Officer of the National Order of Merit
Military Valor Cross – Silver Star
Aeronautical Medal
Overseas Operations Medal with clasps for AFGHANISTAN, CHAD, MIDDLE EAST and SAHEL
Meritorious Service Medal (USA)