



Major General  
Jean-Pol Baugnée  

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Belgian Army Commander



Born in Huy in 1970, Jean-Pol Baugnée has been in the military since 1986. He graduated from the Royal School of Cadets and the 144<sup>th</sup> polytechnic promotion of the Royal Military School.

First of all he developed an operational experience and he led armoured and infantry combat units. He started his career with the Belgian Forces in Germany as a reconnaissance platoon leader in 4<sup>th</sup> Chasseurs à Cheval and later on as a battlefield surveillance radar platoon leader in 2<sup>nd</sup> Jagers te Paard in Altenrath. He had also the command of a LEOPARD tank company in 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Lancers and a motorised infantry battalion, the Bataillon de Chasseurs Ardennais in Marche-en-Famenne. He was also Chief of Operations (G3-Ops) within the Belgian Army Headquarters and later, as Lieutenant-Colonel, head of the Operations Planning Group of the European Corps (EUROCORPS) in Strasbourg, France.

He also has a good experience in the field of procurement and management of material resources following three jobs in the Directorate Material Resources of the Belgian Defense Headquarters. As head of the « Land Systems » section, he was responsible for all Land equipment and specific weapon systems, related munitions included.

Finally, his time at the Strategy Staff Department and at the Chief of Defense Office (CHOD) allowed him to acquire a good knowledge in the establishment, execution and monitoring of strategic plans at Defense level. He participated to the « Finalisation of the Transformation » plan (2009) and the "Strategic Vision for Defence" (2016). He also has some experience in the field of human resources.

This triple track is completed by the (cumul) duty of Equerry to His Majesty the King he fulfilled during seven years.

During his time in operational units, he had the opportunity to participate in three operations: Kosovo, Eastern Slavonia (border between Serbia and Croatia) and in the Central African Republic as well as shorter overseas missions (Mauritania, Lebanon, Afghanistan, etc).

At the academic level, he attended the Advanced Staff Course at the Ecole de Guerre in Paris (France), the High Study for Security and Defence in Brussels and several specific courses, including some at the NATO School Oberammergau (Germany). He speaks French, Dutch and English.

Major General Baugnée is the commander of the Belgian Army since June 7, 2023.

He devotes part of his spare time to sport (running, trails).

He is married to Claudia and the father of Mathieu (2008). They live in a small village in Belgian Limburg.