



VICE ADMIRAL FRANK TROJAHN

In June 2023, Vice Admiral Frank Trojahn was appointed as Danish Military Representative to NATO and EU.

Vice Admiral Frank Trojahn is from Soenderborg close to the Danish-German border. He graduated from the Royal Danish Naval Academy in 1986. He completed the German Staff Course in 1999 and was promoted to Flag Rank in 2013 when he was appointed Admiral Danish Fleet.

At sea, Vice Admiral Trojahn began his career in minelayers and minesweepers serving as Executive and Commanding Officer. In 2007 he was appointed Commanding Officer of the frigate HDMS ABSALON. During his tour as Commanding Officer, the ABSALON was deployed on its first operational deployment when it served as Flag Ship of Task Force 150 under the Combined Maritime Forces in Bahrain. The mission was primarily counter piracy operations near the Horn of Africa. Upon completion of his tour of duty as Commanding Officer, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of the 2nd Danish Squadron.

Ashore, Vice Admiral Trojahn has served in the Danish Ministry of Defence and as Deputy Defence Attaché at the Royal Danish Embassy in Berlin, Germany. He has served as both Branch and Division head within Defence Planning in the Danish Defence Command. In 2013 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and was appointed Admiral Danish Fleet (Chief of the Royal Danish Navy). During his time in command, a new training regime was incorporated within the Royal Danish Navy, when it was decided to use the British Royal Navy's Flag Officer Sea Training syllabus to improve the combat effectiveness of the major Danish warships. During his time as Admiral Danish Fleet, Vice Admiral Trojahn also served as Commander of a Danish-Norwegian-UK Task Force, which was the maritime part of the UN-operation to remove and destroy Syria's chemical weapon stockpiles in 2013-2014.

In 2017, Vice Admiral Trojahn transferred to the Danish Defence Command as Chief of Staff Plans and Capabilities. In this capacity he has overseen defence planning, policy, strategy and capability development including implementation of defence agreements.

In 2021, Vice Admiral Frank Trojahn became defence attaché at the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington D.C. with accreditation to the United States and Canada.

In addition to campaign medals, Vice Admiral Trojahn's personal awards include French and German awards as well as the Danish Commander of the order of Dannebrog.

Vice Admiral Frank Trojahn is married to Christina Trojahn, they have two adult daughters.

CAREER

1986 Lieutenant
1991 Lieutenant Commander
1999 Commander
2005 Commander, Senior Grade
2009 Captain
2013 Rear Admiral
2023 Vice Admiral

ASSIGNMENTS

1986-1995: Duty at sea in minelayers and minesweepers including positions as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer.
1995-1997: Staff Officer Operations, Mine Warfare Squadron
1999-2002: Staff Officer, Ministry of Defence
2002-2005: Deputy Defence Attaché, Berlin Germany and Liaison Officer to the Joint Forces Operations Command
2005-2009: Head of Planning Branch, Defence Command Denmark
2007-2008: Commanding Officer Frigate HDMS ABSALON
2009-2010: Commander 2nd Squadron, Royal Danish Navy
2010-2013: Chief of Planning Division, Defence Command Denmark
2013-2017: Admiral Danish Fleet/Chief of Naval Staff
2017-2021: Chief of Staff Plans and Capabilities, Defence Command Denmark
2021-2023: Defence attaché (Military-, Naval, and Air), Washington D.C.
2023- Danish Military Representative to NATO and EU

EDUCATION

1989-1991: Junior Staff Course, Defence Academy Denmark
1992: Maritime Tactical Course, UK
1995: Mine Warfare Staff Officers Course, Belgium
1997-1999: Staff Course, German Staff College, Hamburg Germany
2013: Chief of Defence Security Policy Course
2014: NATO Generals, Flag Officers and Ambassadors Course (2014-2)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Commander of the Order of Dannebrog
Medal of Merit, 40 years of service in the Navy
Defence Medal for International Service
Defence Medal for International Service (1948-2009)
Medal of Merit of the Home Guard
The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, 1st class
Class of The Nordic Blue Berets Medal of Honour, Silver
Ordre National de la Légion D'Honneur, Officer