



European Union Operation Headquarters Potsdam

OPERATION COMMANDER'S BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL Karlheinz VIERECK

Born 09th March 1951 in Kassel (Germany)

Lieutenant General Viereck is the Operation Commander for the EUFOR Operation in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

CAREER

Lieutenant General Viereck started his military career in the Bundeswehr in 1970. He completed his pilot training in the USA in Sheppard AFB in 1974.

Back in Germany he flew in the 2nd Flying Squadron in the Reconnaissance Wing in Leck as a combat pilot until 1977. He also worked as an operation officer in the same squadron until 1982. In the same year he began his General Staff Officer Course at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg and moved in 1984 on to the Danish Defense College in Copenhagen. In 1985 he started his job as a General Staff Officer at the NATO Headquarters AIR BALTAP in Denmark. After 2 years he went back to Germany to become Deputy Commander, then Commander of the Flying Group of Fighter Bomber Wing 36 "Westfalen" in Hopsten. Between 1990 and 1994 he worked in the German Ministry of Defense (MOD) in Bonn. After commanding Fighter Bomber Wing 34 "Allgäu" in Memmingen for 2 years, he returned to Bonn in 1996 where he became Chief of Air Staff Policy I. From 1998 to 2000 he worked in the MOD Berlin as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Mil Pol and Arms Control Division. In 2000 he left for Norway. There he worked as Deputy Chief of Staff and as Director Operations at the Joint Operations NATO Headquarters North. In 2003 he returned to Germany to become Commander of 4th Air Division in Aurich. In 2005 he assumed the post of Deputy Commander of the Bundeswehr Operations Command. On 16th March, Lieutenant General Karlheinz Viereck became Commander of the Bundeswehr Operations Command in Potsdam. On 27th of April he became Operation Commander of the EU mission EUFOR RD CONGO.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bundeswehr Cross of Honour in Silver and Gold

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	April	1972
First Lieutenant	June	1974
Captain	October	1977
Major	October	1988
Lieutenant Colonel	October	1991
Colonel	September	1994
Brigadier General	April	1998
Major General	April	2003
Lieutenant General	April	2006