



Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

First Name / Surname	Othmar COMMENDA
Rank	General (OF-9)
Position Held	Chief of Defence Staff (Austrian Armed Forces)
Date of Birth	29.05.1954 in Wels (Upper Austria)
Marital Status	Married, two children
Adress	Rossauer Laende 1, 1090 Vienna

Military Career Highlights

July 2013	Chief of Defence Staff
2008 - 2013	Deputy Chief of Defence Staff
2004 - 2008	Director-General of the Austrian Armed Forces Reform 2010
2003 - 2004	Director-General of the Austrian Armed Forces Reform Commission
2001 - 2002	Chief of Cabinet of the Federal Minister of Defence
2000 - 2001	Deputy Head of the Military Policy Division in the General Staff
1996 - 2000	Course Director 15 th Joint Command and General Staff Course
1993 - 1995	Chief of Staff 3 rd Mechanised Infantry Brigade
1993	Senior Instructor Tactics at National Defence Academy
1992	Bataillon Commander Army Reconnaissance Bataillon
1988 - 1991	Senior Instructor Tactics at National Defence Academy
1983 - 1984	Company Commander AUSBATT/UNDOF at GOLAN HEIGHTS
1982 - 1985	Company Commander Tank Bataillon
1979 - 1982	Platoon Leader Tank Platoon

Specialised Education and Courses

2007	Strategic Leadership Course / AUSTRIA
2000	Higher Command and Staff Course / German Armed Forces Command and Staff College / GERMANY

1999	Operational Leadership Seminar ACLANT / NORFOLK USA
1999	Course for Computer Animated Exercises, NATO PfP / NETHERLANDS
1999	Cooperative Guard 99, NATO PfP / CZECH REPUBLIC
1995 - 1996	United States War College / CARLISLE USA
1986 - 1987	University of Economics / VIENNA
1985 - 1988	11 th Joint Command and General Staff Course / VIENNA
1976 - 1979	Officers' Training at Theresian Military Academy / WIENER NEUSTADT

Promotions, Distinctions and Hobbies

Promotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2013: General - 2007: Lieutenant General - 2002: Major General - 2001: Brigadier General - 1994: Colonel (General Staff)
Distinctions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria - Grand Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria
Hobbies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports - Reading - Model construction