

European Union Naval Force – Mediterranean Deputy Operation Commander

Rear Admiral Hervé BLÉJEAN– FR Navy Biography



RADM Hervé Bléjean was born on the 11th of December 1963 in Toulon.

After completing his practical training, he was assigned as the Officer of the deck on the escort ship VICTOR SCHOELCHER. The following year, he became Executive Officer of the mine warfare experiment ship THETIS.

On completion, he spent one year studying CIS followed by a two year embarkation on board the USS NICHOLSON as a French exchange officer and assistant Operations Officer.

In 1993, he was assigned as the Commanding officer of the navigation training flotilla and training ship LEOPARD. This was followed by an appointment as the Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Lefebvre. He was later assigned to the ASW destroyer GEORGES LEYGUES as the Operations Officer.

He became a Sea Rider (training officer) at the training department of the French Force d'Action Navale in 1998. One year later, he attended the staff course at the Joint Service Defence College in Paris.

Having held the position of official representative of the Chief of the Military Branch and Civilian Personnel, he was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the surveillance frigate VENDÉMIAIRE. During this period he participated in the operation "Enduring Freedom" and deployments to the Gulf of Aden and Gulf of Oman.

Between 2003 and 2005, he assumed the responsibility of assistant to the Head of Human Resources Policy in the Navy Headquarters and worked on the renewal of the military status.

Promoted to the rank of Captain in 2005, he was appointed as the Head of the Naval Operations department at the CPCO (Centre of Operations management and planning) in the Defence headquarters.

In August 2007 RADM Hervé Bléjean took command of the helicopter carrier JEANNE D'ARC and French training squadron for naval officers

From the 1st of September 2009, he was posted as an auditor of the 59th promotion of the Military Centre for Higher Studies and of the 62nd promotion of the National Defence Institute.

Upon completion of this course, he was appointed Deputy Chief of the Prime Minister's military cabinet.

In September 2013, he was promoted Rear Admiral and appointed DCOM FRMARFOR in the Headquarters in Toulon. He then commanded the combined Task Force 150 in Indian Ocean and was appointed EUNAVFOR ATALANTA force commander from December 2013 to April 2014.

He took up his current position within the Naval Staff as Rear Admiral in charge of International Relations and Partnerships in September 2014.

RADM Hervé Bléjean is officer of the Legion d'Honneur and Officer of the National Order of Merit.

He is married with two daughters and a son. Besides enjoying his family life, RADM Hervé Bléjean is practicing mountain hiking and is fond of tribal art.

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