

## **BRIGADIER JEFFREY CURMI**



Brigadier Jeffrey Curmi was born on 5th July 1975 and joined the Armed forces of Malta (AFM) in 1994. Following a local cadetship course, he attended the Allievi Ufficiali di Complemento course at the "Scuola di Fanteria" in Cesano di Roma, Italy. Jeffrey Curmi attended the Commissioning Course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1996. On completion of the course, and against considerable international competition, he was awarded the best overseas student prize - The Cane of Honour - which was presented by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester.

As a Lieutenant, in 1997, he was employed as a Platoon Commander at the 1Regiment (Infantry) Airport Security Company. In 1998 he was posted to and appointed as Officer in-Charge of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Troop of the Ammunition and Explosives Company, 3Regiment. Upon successful completion of the Advanced EOD Course at the Defence EOD School in the United Kingdom, he specialized in conventional munition disposal. Jeffrey Curmi then specialized in Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD) at the Army School of Ammunition, in the United Kingdom.

As a Captain, in 2003 he successfully completed the Diving Officer Course at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Centre (U.S. Navy), Florida, United States of America. Upon successful completion, he was awarded the prestigious "Honor Man" award for qualifying once again as the top student in the course, amongst US and international candidates. He extended his training at the same Training Centre to qualify as 'Salvage Diving Officer'. In 2006 Jeffrey Curmi successfully completed a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Defence Diploma at the Scuola Interforze in Rieti, Italy. During the same year, he also completed the United Nations Staff Officers Course in Hamburg, Germany. A year later, Jeffrey Curmi furthered his studies and qualified as an Advanced Operational CBRN Instructor at the Italian Scuola Interforze.

As a Major, in 2007, he was appointed as Officer Commanding of the Ammunition and Explosives Company where, apart from the operational EOD Troop he was also in-charge of the AFM's Ammunition Depot. During his tour of duty he advanced his EOD, IEDD, Advanced Explosives Disposal Techniques and Post-Blast Investigation specializations in the United States of America, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland and Denmark, together with military and police forces. Jeffrey Curmi delivered a number of specialized EOD, IEDD and Diving Courses for AFM personnel. He also delivered lectures in security related courses to governmental/private entities and conducted number of lectures during local fireworks manufacture licence courses. He represented Malta at European Union level on numerous occasions, including the Explosives Security Task Force, the Standing Committee of Explosives Precursors and the European Explosive Ordnance Disposal Network.

In 2011, Jeffrey Curmi was posted to the AFM Headquarters and was appointed as Staff Officer within the Training Branch, after which he attended the Combined Strategic Intelligence Training Programme with the Defence Intelligence Agency in Washington D.C.

Throughout his career, Jeffrey Curmi led the majority of EOD, IEDD, diving and fireworks related operations in Malta and Gozo. He planned and led all EOD sweep operations in major security events held in Malta. He is the Court Technical Expert in explosives and diving incidents. He was also appointed as Court Technical Expert by the International Criminal Courts during the Libyan Crisis in 2011.

In 2012 Jeffrey Curmi was deployed for a six-month anti-piracy mission as Chief Intelligence Analyst at EUNAVFOR (European Union Naval Forces) Operational Headquarters, Northwood Headquarters, United Kingdom.

This vast operational experience provided Jeffrey Curmi with the opportunity to work closely with the Malta Police Force in post-blast investigations and security operations, as well as with the Civil Protection Department in explosions and diving accidents.

In 2013, Brigadier Curmi was appointed as a Liaison Officer in the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security. Later on that year, Jeffrey Curmi was promoted to Lt Colonel and subsequently to Colonel and appointed as Deputy Commander. He then assumed the command of the Armed Forces of Malta in the rank of Brigadier.