



Major General Thomas STARLINGER- Curriculum Vitae

Major General Thomas STARLINGER was born in Gmunden, Upper Austria, in 1963. After graduating from the Military Academy in 1985, he served as Commanding Officer of an Infantry Company, Personnel Officer and Head of the Public Information Office at Regiment level, as well as HQ Company Commanding Officer and Instructor for Security Policy at the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.

He participated in the Austrian General Staff Officers Course from 1997 to 2000. Thereafter, he was assigned to the Territorial Command Carinthia as J3, followed by an assignment as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding Officer of the 7th Infantry Brigade, additionally he was the Secretary of the Planning Group for the restructuring of the Austrian Armed Forces.

From 2003 until the end of 2007, he was tasked with medium to long-term capability planning in Brussels. Initially, Major General STARLINGER worked as Project Officer with the EU Military Staff, responsible for “translating the European Security Strategy and the Headline Goal 2010 into the EU Requirements Catalogue 2005”. In this function he was also adviser for the establishment of the Civilian Headline Goal and its related capability requirements in the framework of the Comprehensive Approach. Thereafter, in the European Defense Agency, he initiated the Joint Investment Program on Force Protection and played an essential role in shaping the Capability Development process with its four strands.

From January 2008 to December 2012, he was appointed as Commanding Officer of the 7th Infantry Brigade.

Major General STARLINGER served in several missions in Syria (UNDOF), Iran (Austrian Field Hospital), Cyprus (UNFICYP) and Tajikistan (UNMOT). From November 2008 until May 2009, he was in command of the Multinational Task Force South/KFOR in Kosovo.

In December 2012, he assumed his duties as Deputy Chief of Staff Support (DCOS Spt) of the Response Forces Operations Command and from July 2013 until January 2017, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations (DCOS Ops) at the Multinational Joint Headquarters in Ulm. During this time, he performed inter alia duties as DCOS Ops/JFC Brunssum during the NATO Trident Juncture 15 LIVEX as well as Deputy Operation Commander during the EU Multi-Layer 16 exercise.

Between June 2019 and January 2020, he held the position of Minister of Defense in the so-called Expert Government.

Between February 2017 and May 2019 and since February 2020, Major General STARLINGER has been the National Security Advisor to the Austrian President.

He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative / Austrian World Summit (AWS) and the International Advisory Board of the Austrian Supply Chain Intelligence Institute (ASCII). Furthermore, he moderates the multidisciplinary “Future Operations Platform” gathering various scientists in the fields of Health, Economy, Data Science, Society and Geopolitics.

Ranks

2017	Major General
2008	Brigadier General
2005	Colonel
2001	Lieutenant Colonel
2000	Major
1995	Captain
1988	1 st Lieutenant
1985	2 nd Lieutenant

Assignments

2020-2023	National Security Advisor to the Austrian President
Jun 2019 – Jan 2020	Minister of Defense in the Austrian Expert Government
2017-2019	National Security Advisor to the Austrian President
2013-2017	DCOS Ops / MN JHQ Ulm
2012-2013	DCOS Spt / MN JHQ Ulm
2008-2012	Commanding Officer / 7th Infantry Brigade
2005-2007	Project Officer / Capability Development / EDA
2003-2005	Project Officer / Capability Development / EUMS
2001-2003	Chief of Staff / 7th Infantry Brigade
2000	Chief of Staff / Territorial Command Carinthia
1995-1997	Instructor for Security Policy / NCO-Academy
1989-1994	Company Commander / Headquarters-Coy / Infantry-Regiment
1988-1988	Personnel-Officer / Infantry-Regiment
1986-1987	Company Commander / Infantry-Regiment

Missions

2008-2009	Commanding Officer / MNTF-South / KFOR / Kosovo
1994-1995	UN-Military Observer / UNMOT / Tajikistan
1993-1994	UN-Military Observer / BRITCON / UNFICYP / Cyprus
1991	Liaison Officer / Austrian Field Hospital / Iran
1987-1988	Signals Officer / UNDOF / Syria

Education

1997-2000	General Staff Officers Course / Vienna / Austria
1981-1985	Military Academy / Wiener Neustadt / Austria

Major Awards & Decorations

Great decoration for services to the Republic of Austria
UN-Service Medals UNDOF, UNMOT, UNFICYP
German Service Medal / KFOR
Nobel Peace Prize Medal / UN-Peacekeepers
Ordre National du Mérite - Commandeur / France