



Curriculum Vitae

Lieutenant General Franz Leitgeb

Franz Leitgeb was born in Feldbach (in the South-East of Austria) on 21 July 1960. He joined the Austrian Armed Forces (AAF) in 1978, was commissioned from the Austrian Military Academy as Lieutenant in 1982 and served in the 1st Light Tank Battalion as a Platoon Commander, J1 & ADC and Company Commander.

After graduation from the 12th General Staff Officers Course at the National Defence Academy, Vienna in 1991 the career of LtGen Leitgeb has included:

- 1991 - 1994: Deputy Chief Logistics, HQ 3rd Austrian Mechanised Corps.
- 1994 - 1995: Chief Operations Officer, UNFICYP and Commander of the Austrian Contingent.
- 1995 - 1999: Chief of Staff & Deputy Commander of the 9th Mechanised Infantry Brigade. During the last year, he was COS for the transformation to the then built-up Austrian International Peace Support Command.
- 1999 - 2001: PfP Staff Element (PSE) Officer at HQ SACLANT, Norfolk. He was responsible for Partner aspects of the CJTF Concept, exercises as well as general tasks in the framework of the PfP Training and Enhancement Programme.
- 2001 - 2002: Deputy Head, Military Policy Division at MoD Austria. His responsibilities included the co-ordination of the Austrian representation to NATO/EAPC, EU, OSCE, UN and within multinational co-operations.
- 2002 - 2004: Commander, Centre for Operations Preparation within the Austrian International Command. There he was responsible for Peace Support Operations training courses as well as pre-mission training for UNDOF, KFOR and MilObs.
- 2004 - 2007: Head of Transformation Division within „Management ÖBH2010“, a project organization at MoD Austria. He there started with the strategic force planning and later coordinated the implementation of that reform.
- 2008: Royal College of Defence Studies, London.
- 2008 - 2013: Deputy Director General, Planning at MoD Austria, responsible for capability and force structure development. He represented the AAF as Deputy Capability Director as well as Chief Information Officer (on strategic CIS level).
- 2013 - 2017: Director General, Planning and Capability Director at MoD Austria. Responsibilities of that directorate included defence and policy planning, capability development, MoD budget and strategic procurement programming. 2017, he completed the Strategic Leadership Course at the Austrian Defence Academy.

Starting 1st January 2018, LtGen Leitgeb is the Military Representative of Austria to EU and NATO in Brussels.

LtGen Leitgeb is married to Bernadette, a teacher, and they have two adult daughters.

His hobbies include listening to music, gardening, alpin skiing and running. Besides German he is fluent in English and eager to improve his French.