



General Stéphane ABRIAL **Chief of Staff of the French Air Force**

Born on 7 September 1954 in Condom (Gers)
Married, two children

French Air Force Academy in 1973 (exchange cadet, US Air Force Academy, 1974)

Fighter pilot's wings in 1976

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| 1977 | ♦ Pilot, 3/12 Fighter Squadron "Cornouaille", Cambrai AFB |
| 1981 | ♦ Pilot then flight commander, 742 Fighter Squadron "Zapata", 74 th Fighter Wing "Mölders", Neuburg an der Donau, Germany |
| 1984 | ♦ Deputy commander, 1/2 Fighter Squadron "Cigognes", Dijon AFB |
| 1985 | ♦ Deputy commander then commander, 2/2 Fighter Squadron "Côte d'or", Dijon AFB |
| 1988 | ♦ Detachment commander, first Mirage 2000 conversion, 114 th Fighter Wing, Tanagra, Greece |
| | ♦ Chief of operations, deputy commander then commander, 5 th Fighter Wing, Orange AFB |
| 1991 | ♦ Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama, USA |
| 1992 | ♦ Assistant executive officer to the Chief of staff of the Air Force, Paris |
| 1995 | ♦ Assistant executive officer to the Chief of the Joint Staff, Paris |
| 1996 | ♦ NATO international military staff, Brussels, Belgium |
| 1999 | ♦ Auditor at the Center for Advanced Military Studies and at the Institute of Advanced National Defense Studies, Paris |
| 2000 | ♦ Deputy chief of the personal military staff to the President, Paris |
| 2002 | ♦ Chief of the military executive office and defence adviser to the Prime minister, Paris |
| 2005 | ♦ Commander, Air Defense and Air Operations Command, Taverny AFB |
| 2006 (July 16 th) | ♦ Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Paris |

Promotion :

July 16th, 2006 General

Decorations and awards :

Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur
Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite
Croix de guerre des théâtres d'opérations extérieures
Médaille de l'aéronautique

Germany : Verdienstkreuz der Bundeswehr (argent)
Saoudia Arabia : King Abdulaziz Order, Superior class