



Admiral Edouard GUILLAUD

French Navy

Born on July 10, 1953, in Paris (France), Admiral Edouard Guillaud entered the French Naval Academy in 1973, after attending two years of preparatory classes at Ecole Sainte Genevieve in Versailles. He is also a graduate of the French Naval War College and has the nuclear officer certification.

He was the commanding officer of several ships including the minesweeper “Lobelia” (1979-1980), the light transport ship “Dumont d’Urville” (1987-1988) homeported in Papeete and Noumea, the escort frigate “Enseigne de Vaisseau Henry” (1992-93) based in Brest and finally CVN Charles de Gaulle (1999-2001) for which he conducted the trials and operational qualifications.

The operational part of his career led him to the Pacific during the time of the underground nuclear testing and the events of New Caledonia, then to the North Atlantic aboard a SSBN and surface ships during the Cold War, to the Indian Ocean and off Lebanon as a medium range anti-air missiles specialist and back to the Indian Ocean aboard CV Clemenceau during the first Gulf War.

In charge of future combat and computer systems in the French Navy Programs Center, he developed the anti-air destroyer “Cassard”, did applied research on artificial intelligence tools, as well as designed the combat system of the nuclear aircraft carrier “Charles de Gaulle”. Following his third command duty, he was designated the head of the team in charge of overseeing the construction of CVN Charles de Gaulle before being assigned to its commissioning crew.

After attending the 54th class of the Center for Advanced Military Studies and the Institute of National Defense Advanced Studies, he was assigned to the cabinet of the President of the French Republic in charge of the Balkans and deterrence issues.

From September 2004 to September 2006, he served as Maritime “Prefect” and Commander of the Channel and the North Sea Maritime Areas. In October 2006, he returned as Head of Cabinet of the French Republic President. On December 1, 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Admiral.

Admiral Guillaud was nominated as Chief of Defense Staff on February 25, 2010.

He holds several medals including the French Legion of Honor with the rank of Grand Officer, the French National Order of Merit and the French Maritime Merit with the rank of “Officier”.

Admiral Guillaud is married and has three children. He is also a proud grandfather, an amateur book lover and passionate about art and history. He is a member of the Yacht Club of France and the “Cercle de la Mer”.