



## **General Stéphane MILLE** **Chief of Staff of the French Air and Space Force**

Air Force General Stéphane Mille is the Chief of Staff of the French Air and Space Force.

He joined the French Air Force Academy of Salon de Provence in 1986 (Class « Général Dorance »), graduated as a fighter pilot in 1989 before serving in operational units on Mirage F1C and 2000C as an Air defense pilot conducting Air Policing and Air Defense missions in particular during operations in Chad (1991) and former Yugoslavia (1994 and 1995).

After a two year assignment back to the French Air Force Academy as an Air officer in Command where he trained young officers of class 1996 "Colonel de Saxcé", he returned to Cambrai Airbase and Squadron 1/12 where he deployed to Saudi Arabia (1999 and 2000) and Kosovo (1999).

In 2002 after attending the French War College in Paris, he took command of the French Air Force Pilot Training School (Cognac Airforce base) where he was in charge of adapting the syllabus of formation of all French Air Force pilots. During this time of command, he deployed to Naples and served within NATO Air Command structure.

From 2006 to 2011, He served at different levels as a financial expert and was selected to attend the 59th entry of the Higher Military Studies Center course (CHEM) and the 62nd session of the French Higher Level Defense studies Institute (IHEDN).

From 2012 to 2014, he assumed the position of base commander of Creil AFB where were located transport squadrons, the military space observation center, the QRA and numerous joint units such as intel centers from the Military Intel Directorate.

Head of the French Air Force Chief of staff's cabinet from 2014 to 2016, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned for a one-year-tour as Deputy Commander of Operation Barkhane.

Back to France, he assumed the responsibilities of deputy director and subsequently director of the French Joint Operations Centre (CPCO). On July 1st 2020, promoted as a Lieutenant General he became the ops director of the French Joint Staff.

He took over as the Chief of staff of the French Air and Space Force on 10th September 2021 and was raised to the rank of General the same day.

General Mille is Commandeur of the Légion d'Honneur, Officier of the Ordre National du Mérite, holds the medal of Aeronautics, 2 citations on his military cross and numerous foreign rewards. He is also the first Airmen rewarded the honorary rank of Corporal of the French "Troupes de Marine".

Married and father of three, General Mille is a command pilot with more than 2600 flying hours, including 150 combat hours in 55 combat missions.