

Jérôme Lafitte, Director of the Operational Energy Service



1st Class General Engineer Jérôme LAFITTE was born on September 26, 1965 in Dax. He is married and the father of two children.

He joined the Air Force School in 1985 (GENERAL HOUEDEMON promotion), and was assigned in 1988 to the 02.002 "Côte d'or" fighter squadron as an aeronautical systems officer.

After five years of operational activity, he joined the higher military education training course and graduated in operational research from the National School of Advanced Techniques in 1995. This scientific training was put to good use between 1995 and 1998 with an assignment to the Air Force Staff, in an operational research office (statistics) where he served as an expert in radar coverage simulation and optimization.

In 1998, he decided to reorient his career and leaves the Air Force to join the petroleum oil and lubricants (POL) joint service (SEA) and joined the National School of Petroleum and Engines. Graduating with another master's degree in engineering, he was promoted to the grade of Principal Engineer (OF3) and obtained a position as a specialist in petroleum products at the military laboratory.

From 2000 to 2010, he was assigned to the Central Directorate of POL joint service where he held the following positions:

- Exploitation of petroleum products from 2000 to 2003, a position that allowed him to take part in several foreign operations as the expert in charge of supplying the deployed forces with petroleum products ;
- Head of the department's IT office from 2003 to 2006 ;
- Head of the department's finance office from 2006 to 2010.

He was promoted to 1st Class Chief Engineer (OF5) on the 1st January 2009.

He joined the General Staff of the Armed Forces in the summer of 2010 as a liaison officer for the POL joint Service within the Joint Logistics Support Division. In particular, he represented France on the NATO Central Europe Pipeline Management Committee (CEPMO).

From February to July 2012, he was the auditor of the senior course 120 at the NATO Defence college in ROME. Upon his return, he was transferred to the Joint Operations and Logistics Directorate of the Armed Forces Fuel Service, located in NANCY, where he held the position of Deputy Employment Director in charge of coordinating the domains of petroleum exploitation, infrastructure and equipment for all of the SEA's metropolitan petroleum depots.

In August 2013, he attended the 63rd session of the Centre for Advanced Military Studies (CHEM) and the 66th session of the Institute for Advanced National Defence Studies. He left CHEM in 2014 and was assigned to the central management of the Armed Forces Fuel Service as the head of the performance-synthesis division.

He was appointed to the rank of 2nd Class General Engineer (OF6) on the 1st August 2016 and at the start of 2017 he took up the post of Deputy Director of the POL joint service.

On the 1st of January 2021, he was appointed Deputy Director of the Operational Energy Service.

On the 1st of June 2022, he was appointed Director of the Operational Energy Service with the rank of 1st Class General Engineer (OF7) and was appointed head of the Operational Energy Division within the General Staff of the Armed Forces.

On the 1st of January 2023, he was appointed Director of the Operational Energy Service.

1st Class General Engineer LAFITTE was promoted to officer of the Legion of Honor and officer of the National Order of Merit.