



Major General Peter MERZ

Commander of the Swiss Air Force

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Current function

Major General Merz commands the Swiss Air Force. He is responsible for the basic readiness, training and deployment of the air force and air defence, and reports directly to the Chief of Joint Operations Command.

As commander of the air force, he is in charge of the air force education & training brigade, anti-aircraft training unit, air force operations centre and air base commands.

Career

1995 Captain professional military pilot, Surveillance Wing
2001 Major GS, General Staff officer on the staff of an air force brigade
2004 Lieutenant Colonel GS, squadron commander
2005 General Staff officer, commander of an air force wing and deputy commander of Meiringen Air Base
2010 Colonel GS, commander of Meiringen Air Base
2015 Deputy chief of staff, Operations / Planning
2018 Project manager, Procurement of new fighter aircraft
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