



## Lieutenant General Laurent MICHAUD

Chief of Joint Operations Command

Year of birth 1965

Academic qualifications Licence of Science (ampelology) from the University of Bourgogne (Dijon), FRA

MAS in intercultural communication, University of Lugano

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### Current function

Lieutenant General Michaud heads the Joint Operations Command, which continuously anticipates potential developments and guarantees the armed forces' readiness appropriate to the situation. He is responsible for planning and commanding all operations and missions of the armed forces, and for the basic and operational readiness of his subordinate staffs and units. As a member of Armed Forces Command, he is directly accountable to the Chief of the Armed Forces.

The Military Intelligence Service/Armed Forces Preventive Protection Service, one mechanised division (Land Forces), four territorial divisions, the Military Police Command, the Air Force, the Armed Forces International Command SWISSINT and the Special Forces Command are all assigned to Lieutenant General Michaud, the Chief of Joint Operations Command.

### Military career

- 1991 Career officer at grenadier schools  
*Reserve: Commander motorised rifle company, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant*
- 1993 Career officer at grenadier schools  
*Reserve: Commander motorised grenadier company, Captain*
- 1996 Career officer at grenadier schools  
*Reserve: Chief operations in field division staff; assistant chief of staff operations, Major GS*
- 1998 Member of coordination team for the Armed Forces XXI project  
*Reserve: Chief of staff of Swiss Raid Commando*
- 2000 Member of coordination team for the Armed Forces XXI project  
*Reserve: Commander infantry battalion, Lieutenant colonel GS*
- 2001 Chief of staff in 'Chief of Training Land Forces' project  
*Reserve: Commander infantry battalion*
- 2002 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, USA  
*Reserve: Commander infantry battalion*
- 2003 Officer school, Grenadier class teacher  
*Reserve: Commander infantry battalion*
- 2004 Staff officer assigned to the Commander Land Forces  
*Reserve: Chief of armed forces staff SOF section*
- 2006 Commander Grenadier Schools Command, *Colonel GS*  
*Reserve: Chief of armed forces staff SOF section*
- 2011 Commander Grenadier and Parascout Schools Command
- 2012 Commander Special Forces Command
- 2014 Chief of Staff / Deputy Chief Armed Forces Joint Staff, *Brigadier General*
- 2018 Chief of Staff Joint Operations Command
- 2019 Deputy Commander Kosovo Force KFOR
- 2021 Chief of Joint Operations Command, *Lieutenant General*