



Brigadier General Thomas Michael Dal Pian

Chief of Staff Joint Operations Command

Academic
qualifications

Swiss Certified Career Officer, ETH Zurich
MSc in Defense Analysis / Irregular Warfare,
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey (USA)
MSc in Forensic Psychology,
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Current function

Brigadier General Dal Pian is the Chief of Staff of Joint Operations Command and reports directly to the Chief of Joint Operations Command. Joint Operations Command is responsible for planning and conducting all operations and missions by the Swiss Armed Forces in Switzerland and abroad. The Chief of Staff is in charge of action planning, situation monitoring, staff management and after action review. He is also responsible for the Armed Forces Joint Operation Centre, ensuring basic and operational readiness of the Armed Forces and defence crisis management.

Military career

- 2000 Captain, commander of a mountain light infantry HQ & support company
- 2004 Officer assigned to the Commander of Grenadier command (Gren Cmd)
- 2006 Major GS, Deputy Commander of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment
- 2007 Commander of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment, Gren Cmd
- 2011 Lieutenant Colonel GS, Commander of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment, Special Forces Command (SFC)
- 2014 Staff Officer assigned to the Commander of Special Forces Command
- 2018 Commander of a mechanised infantry battalion, SFC
- 2020 Deputy Chief of Staff Operations / Planning, SFC
- 2022 Colonel GS, Chief of Staff / Deputy Commander SFC
- 2025 Brigadier General, Chief of Staff Joint Operations Command

Functions

- 1997 Entry into the career officer corps
- 1999 Career officer at grenadier schools / member of the Special Operations Forces project team
- 2003 Deputy project manager of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment project, Gren Cmd
- 2004 Deputy Commander of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment, Gren Cmd
- 2007 Commander of the Armed Forces Reconnaissance Detachment, Gren Cmd / SFC
- 2014 Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey (USA) / U.S. Marine Corps University (USA)
- 2016 Core Process Manager for Doctrine Research & Development, Armed Forces Staff
- 2019 Staff Officer assigned to Chief of Staff of Joint Operations Command
- 2020 Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations / Planning, Special Forces Command
- 2022 Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of Special Forces Command
- 2025 Chief of Staff of Special Forces Command