



# Lieutenant General Laurent MICHAUD

Chief of Joint Operations Command / Deputy Chief of the Armed Forces

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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 and Deputy Chief of the Armed Forces, 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, commander motorised rifle company
1993	Captain, commander motorised grenadier company
1996	Major GS, Chief of operations in field division staff; assistant chief of staff operations
1998	Chief of staff of Swiss Raid Commando
2000	Lieutenant colonel GS, Commander infantry battalion
2004	Chief of armed forces staff SOF section
2006	Colonel GS
2014	Brigadier general, Chief of Staff / Deputy Chief Armed Forces Joint Staff
2018	Chief of Staff Joint Operations Command
2019	Deputy Commander Kosovo Force KFOR
2021	Lieutenant General, Chief of Joint Operations Command
2026	additional appointment as Deputy Chief of the Armed Forces

## Functions

1991	Career officer at grenadier schools
1998	Member of coordination team for the Armed Forces XXI project
2001	Chief of staff in 'Chief of Training Land Forces' project
2002	Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth (USA)
2003	Officer school, Grenadier class teacher
2004	Staff officer assigned to the Commander Land Forces
2006	Commander Grenadier Schools Command
2011	Commander Grenadier and Parascout Schools Command
2012	Commander Special Forces Command