



Major General Yves GÄCHTER

Commander Land Forces

Academic qualifications Career officer with federal diploma (ETH)

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Current function

Major General Gächter commands the land forces. He is responsible for the basic and operational readiness of the staffs, brigades and units placed under his command and reports directly to the Chief of Joint Operations Command.

The Commander Land Forces is in charge of the land forces command battalion, the command, control and technical systems centre unit, and three mechanised brigades. He is also responsible for the land forces' sphere of operations.

Career

- 1998 Captain, commander of an armoured grenadier company
- 2003 Major GS, General Staff officer operations in the staff of an armoured brigade
- 2004 Lieutenant Colonel GS
- 2007 Commander of a combat engineer battalion
- 2011 Deputy Chief of Staff in the staff of a mechanised brigade
- 2013 Colonel GS, Chief of Operations in the staff of a territorial region
- 2015 Deputy Chief of Staff training and education in the staff of a territorial region
- 2019 Chief of Staff in the staff of a territorial division
- 2020 Deputy Chief of Staff readiness and training in the staff of the Joint Operations Command
- 2022 Brigadier General, commander of the Armour and Artillery Training Unit
- 2026 Major General, Commander Land Forces

Functions

- 1997 Swiss Military College, military academy at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
- 2001 Unit career officer at the armoured grenadier recruit schools
- 2004 US Army Engineer Captains Career Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (USA)
- 2007 Chief of the training battalion of the armoured schools
- 2009 Group leader at the General Staff School, C2 Simulator Command, Armed Forces College
- 2010 Senior Course at the NATO Defence College in Rome (ITA)
- 2013 Commander of the armoured school 21
- 2015 Deputy Commander of the Armour and Artillery Training Unit
- 2020 Deputy Chief of Staff readiness and training in the staff of the Joint Operations Command