



Rear Admiral Vincent SÉBASTIEN **Deputy Commander French Cybercom, French MoD**

Born in 1973, Rear Admiral Vincent SÉBASTIEN joined *the Ecole navale* in 1994. He began his career on the patrol vessel *La Boudeuse* as an operations officer, then second-in-command from 1997 to 1999 on Reunion island. He then served on board the frigate *La Fayette* from 1999 to 2001 as head of the Information and Communication Systems (ICS) department, and was deployed on several occasions to the Indian Ocean.

He studied for a master's degree in Communication Systems and Networks at ENSEEIHT (*Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Électronique, Électrotechnique, Informatique, Hydraulique et Télécommunications*) until the summer of 2002. He then joined the *Centre d'Instruction Naval* of Saint-Mandrier as an instructor for officers and course leader for master's

certificates in the field of CIS.

In 2005, he took command of the *Léopard* training ship.

From 2006 to 2008, he was head of the CIS department on board the aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle*. In particular, he took part in the *Agapanthe* 2007 mission in the Indian Ocean, followed by the ship's first major technical shutdown. In 2008, he joined the staff of the air-sea rapid reaction force and took part in Operation Enduring Freedom.

From 2009 to 2011, he attended the Bundeswehr Führungsakademie (German War College).

From summer 2011, he was deputy commander operations on the amphibious helicopter carrier *Dixmude*. He was involved in the fight against piracy off Somalia (Operation Atalanta), the Corymbe maritime security mission off West Africa and the strategic transport mission for Operation Serval in Mali.

He commanded the *Courbet* frigate from July 11st 2013 to January 16th 2015. From July 28th to August 1st 2014, he was involved in the evacuation of nationals from Tripoli by the frigates *Montcalm* and *Courbet*, and was deployed to the Indian Ocean and the Eastern Mediterranean sea as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and Chammal.

From January 2015 to the summer of 2017, he served in the Cyberdefence field, and then attended the NATO Defence College in Rome until February 2018. He was posted to the Air Maritime Rapid Reaction Force staff.

He commanded the amphibious helicopter carrier *Mistral* from July 6th 2018 to 15 July 2020. He led two maritime security missions to protect French interests in the Gulf of Guinea in 2018 and 2019. From the end of February to July 2020, he lead the 2020 Jeanne d'Arc mission, a deployment of the Naval Officer Training School. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the *Mistral* provided assistance to the Mayotte department, delivering more than 730 tons of humanitarian cargo.

From September 2020 to August 2022, he served as head of the digital office and information and communication systems at the Naval Staff.

From August 29th 2022 to August 1st 2023, he was chief of staff of the French Cyber command.

On 1 August 2023, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and became Deputy Commander of the French Cyber Command.

Rear Admiral Vincent SÉBASTIEN is a Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour and an Officer in the National Order of Merit, a Knight in the Order of Maritime Merit, decorated with the Combatant's Cross, the Overseas Medal with Middle East Clasp, the National Defence Medal Gold Echelon with Bronze Star, the Medal of Recognition of the Nation, the French Commemorative Medal for Afghanistan, the Medal of Military Protection of the Territory and holder of the EU Medal.

He is married with three children.