

Lieutenant-General Aymeric BONNEMAISON French commander of Cybercom, French DoD

Lieutenant-General Aymeric BONNEMAISON was born on February the 24th 1968 in Nevers, France. He belongs to the "General Delestraint" class of the Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy (1988-1991).

After a year at the Army Signal School, he first served as an airmobile platoon leader within the 4th Army Aviation Regiment (4 RHCM). Promoted to captain in 1995, he first joined the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Brigade (BR) being posted to the 54 EW Regiment (54 RT) as deputy, then commander of a Forward Electronic Recce Company where he developed the first light electronic patrols. Throughout this period, he was regularly engaged in several overseas operations in the Balkans such as UNPROFOR, IFOR, SFOR and KFOR as close air support team leader and also as tactical intelligence units leader.

In 2000, he returned to the Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military academy in order to take command of an officer cadets company from the Combined Arms School (EMIA). Promoted to major in 2001, he graduated from the Joint Forces Staff College (CID, now EDG) in 2004. The same year, he was posted again to the BR and took over head of the operations of the 44 EW Regiment (44 RT) in Mützig; he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 2005. During these years, he was deployed to Afghanistan as senior intelligence advisor to the French Senior National Representative to the ISAF and then to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire where he commanded the ISR battle group of the *Opération Licorne*.

In 2006, he was assigned to NATO along with J2/ACO/SHAPE in Mons, Belgium, where he took over a senior intelligence expert position for planning teams.

In 2009, he took command of the 54 RT, the "radio wave hunters" regiment, in Haguenau and ensured the operational preparation of its companies engaged in Afghanistan, Lebanon and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. He was promoted to colonel in 2010.

From 2011 to 2016, he joined the Army Staff and then the General Staff in the anticipation and planning fields, in particular as operational coherence officer in charge of major intelligence sensor programs (C4ISR). At the same time, he was an auditor at the Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defense (IHEDN) within the "Armament and Defense Economics" (AED) session.

He joined the Ministry of Defense in 2016 to command an operational cyber defense service until his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General in 2020; he then became deputy director in charge of operations. During these six years, he carried out numerous international missions in some 20 countries.

He was appointed Commander, Cybercom of the French DoD on September 1st, 2022 and was promoted to major general on the same date. Since August 1st, 2024, he was raised to the rank and title of lieutenant-general.

Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honor and the National Order of Merit, Major General BONNEMAISON is married and has five children. He is the author of several articles and co-author of the book "Attention Cyber! Vers le combat cyber-électronique" published in 2013.