



General Vincent Giraud joined the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan in 1989 and chose the Armored Cavalry Arm.

After a year of training in Saumur, he served as a lieutenant in the 1st Spahis Regiment in Valence. As a tank platoon leader, he was deployed twice to Bosnia-Herzegovina and participated in Operation Epervier in Chad.

After two years as a reserve officer instructor at the Armored Cavalry Arm School in Saumur, he was transferred to the 501st/503rd Tank Regiment in Mourmelon-le-Grand from 1998 to 2000, where he commanded a Leclerc tank squadron and participated in Operation Trident in Kosovo.

In 2000, assigned to the National High Studies Institute of Defense (IHEDN), he served as aide-de-camp to the director for two years, leaving after passing the technical certificate exam.

He then attended a one-year Master in Business Administration program at the Business School HEC in Jouy-en-Josas, followed by a year as a trainee at the Advanced and Command Staff Course in Shrivenham, UK, where he obtained a Master of Arts in Defense Studies from King's College London.

In 2004, he was designated to serve as operations and instructions chief (S3) of the 3rd Hussar Regiment in Immendingen and was deployed to Afghanistan as chief of operations for the French battalion in Kabul.

He then took command of a battalion at the Special Military School of Saint-Cyr and left Brittany in 2009 to join the Joint Staff, being promoted to colonel the same year.

From July 2011 to July 2013, he commanded the 1st Spahis Regiment in Valence and led Operation Licorne in Côte d'Ivoire.

Assigned to the Joint Staff in August 2013, he served as J5 Africa within the Joint Operations Command (CPCO). In 2015, he attended the 65th session at the High Military Studies Center (CHEM) and the 68th session at the National High Studies Institute of Defense.

Transferred to the Minister of the Armed Forces' Military Private Office in July 2016, he served as deputy head to the Military Chief of Staff and head of the future preparation cell. In this capacity, he contributed to the 2017 Defense and Security Strategic Review and the 2019-2025 Military Programming Act.

Appointed general officer in 2019, he served as Director of the High Military Studies Center in Paris for a year before moving to Strasbourg, where he held the positions of Military Governor and 2nd Armored Brigade Commander.

In August 2022, he became Deputy Chief of Staff for Performance and Synthesis at the Army Staff.

On May 1st, 2023, he was designated as Military Chief of Staff to the Minister of Armies.

As of August 1st, 2024, he is Vice-Chief of Defense and has been promoted to General.

General Giraud is married and the father of five children.