



Biography of Colonel Pascal BALLINGER

Vice Chief of Defence



Pascal BALLINGER was born on February 1st, 1972 in Pétange. In 1991, he passed the selection competition for officer candidates and began his studies as a cadet at the Royal Military School in Brussels.

Promoted to Lieutenant in December 1995, he was assigned to the Military Centre in Diekirch to successively assume the functions of reconnaissance platoon commander and basic training platoon commander before becoming an assistant officer to the commander of the Logistics Services and deputy commander of the National Support Element (NSE). In 2008, he took over the functions of Commander of the NSE and Deputy Commander of Logistics Services. In September 2013 Lieutenant-Colonel BALLINGER became liaison officer with the AIR component in Evere in Belgium and simultaneously liaison officer with the EATC in Eindhoven in the Netherlands. In October 2017, he occupied the position of Capability development and Concepts officer at the General Staff of the Army. As of October 1st, 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel BALLINGER acts ad interim as Vice Chief of Defence and is authorized to bear the title of Colonel.

Colonel Pascal BALLINGER participated in two missions as part of the NATO SFOR operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During his military career, Colonel BALLINGER's training was supplemented by attending the following schools:

- 1995 – 1996: Infantry School in ARLON (BEL);
- 1996 – 1997: Infantry School in MONTPELLIER (FRA);
- 1999 – 2000: Logistics Unit Commander course at the Logistics School in TOURNAI (BEL);
- 2003 – 2004: Logistics Executive Development Course (LEDC) in FORT LEE (USA);
- 2015 – 2016: Higher Staff Course at the Royal Military School in BRUSSELS (BEL).

Colonel BALLINGER is married and the father of two children.

He holds the following decorations:

National:

- Cross of Honour and military Merit in bronze;
- Knight in the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;
- Cross for 15 years of service;
- Campaign Ribbon for double participation;
- Officer of the “Ordre de la Couronne de Chêne”;
- Commander in the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;
- Cross for 25 years of service.

International:

- Commemorative medal for missions or operations abroad (BEL);
- Honorary Corporal of the Regiment of “Chasseurs Ardennais”;
- NATO medal for services rendered in operations relating to the former Yugoslavia.