



General Alain DUSCHÈNE

Chief of Defence



Alain Duschène was born on March 19th, 1960 in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg. On July 24th, 1978 he volunteered at the LUX Army as a rifle man. In 1979 he successfully passed the selection for officer candidates, entered the Royal Military Academy ("Ecole Royale Militaire") in Brussels, Belgium and graduated in social and military sciences in 1984.

Promoted to Lieutenant in January 1984, he was assigned to the Military Training Centre in Diekirch and went through the following functions until 1995 : platoon commander, deputy commander and commander of a rifle company.

From March to August 1993, he assumed the command of the 3rd LUX UNPROFOR detachment in Former Yugoslavia.

In January 1995, Major Duschène was appointed National Military Representative to the EUROCORPS HQ in Strasbourg, France.

In October 1998, he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and took over the function of Personnel & Public Relations Officer at the LUX Army HQ. In March 2008, he was appointed Vice-Chief of Defence and was promoted to Colonel.

As of September 30th, 2017 he was entrusted with the function of Chief of Defence and was promoted to General.

During those years his training and education were improved by the following courses:

- 1984 -1985 : Platoon commander course in the Infantry School (« Ecole d'Application de l'Infanterie ») in Montpellier, France.
- 1986 : Mortar 81 mm course at the Infantry School (« Ecole d'Infanterie ») in Arlon, Belgium.
- 1990 : Company commander course at the Infantry School in Arlon, Belgium.
- 1992 : Staff Officer course at the Staff College (« Ecole d'Etat-Major ») in Compiègne France (« Diplôme d'Etat-Major »).
- 1997-1998 : General Staff course at the General Staff College (« Ecole Supérieure de Guerre Interarmées ») in Paris, France.

Alain Duschène is married and father of two girls.

General Duschène holds the following decorations:

National :

- Officer of the Order of civil and military Merit of Adolphe de Nassau.
- Officer of the « Ordre de la Couronne de Chêne ».
- Commander of the Order of Merit.
- Cross of Honor and military Merit in bronze.
- Cross for 25 years of service.
- Commemorative Medal « Prince Jean de Luxembourg ».
- Medal for sports Merit.

International:

- Knight of the « Ordre de l'Infante Don Henrique » (Portugal).
- Commemorative Medal for missions or operations abroad (Belgium).
- United Nations Medal for the participation in UNPROFOR.
- Officier of the « Ordre National de Mérite » (France).
- Commander of the « Ordre du Mérite Civil » (Spain).
- Commander of the « Ordre du Lion de Finlande » (Finland).
- Commander of the « Ordre d'Orange Nassau » (The Netherlands).