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Biography

Colonel Jean-Pierre Bédu, FRA AF

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Colonel Jean-Pierre Bédu was born on 31 Oct 1961 in Pas de Calais (Arras). He entered the French Air Force in 1981 as trainee pilot, performed his basic training on the Fouga Magister and completed his flying training on the Alphajet. After earning his fighter pilot wings in 1983, he was posted for two years to the air force academy in Salon de Provence as Instructor pilot. During this time he prepared and succeeded in passing the exam to join the air force academy as a career officer. Then he performed his operational conversion training in Cazaux 8th Wing.

Posted in Nancy-Ochey 3rd Fighter Wing in 1986, he was re-rolled to the Mirage III E. He qualified as four ship leader in 1990. As flight commander, he supervised the conversion to Mirage 2000N then M2000D and finally assumed the appointment of chief of the "Navarre" squadron's operations.

Promoted to Major in 1996, he was assigned as commander of the permanence and operations centre section's of the air combat command at Metz air base.

On completion of the Defence Staff College in 2000, Colonel Bédu took command of the operational transition school at Cazaux air base. Then, in 2003 he was in charge of the instruction department of the air combat command at Metz air base. In 2005, he was appointed to attend the NATO Defence College course at Rome and was promoted to Colonel on 01 January 2006. He was assigned as second in command of Nancy Ochey air base from September 2006 to August 2007.

Colonel Bédu has achieved more than 3900 flying hours, including 97 combat missions. Throughout his career, he was sent to many overseas assignments in Europe, United States of America, Canada, Saudi-Arabia, Asia, and Africa. He commanded three times the French detachment of Mirage 2000 stationed on Cervia AB contributing to the "SALAMANDRE" operation in the Balkans. He was in charge for six months of air mission coordination between French forces and NATO's forces in Sarajevo. In 2001 and 2002, he assumed the responsibility of the French A3 department, integrated into the CAOC of Alkary, for the ongoing operations in Afghanistan.

Colonel Bédu's decorations include the Legion of Honour, the National Order of Merit, the Medal of Aeronautics, the silver medal of the National Defence, the Overseas Medal with "Middle East" and Afghanistan" vermeil clasps, Former Yugoslavia Liberation and Middle East Medals, NATO Medals with Former Yugoslavia clasps. He is married to Véronique and they have two children.

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