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Biography

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Division Head A4



Colonel Cosijn entered the Royal Cadets School in Brussels at the age of 15. Three years later, in September 1974, he started his studies as an engineer at the Royal Military School in Brussels.

In 1979, he graduated as a mechanical and ballistic engineer and joined the aircraft maintenance squadron of the pilot training school in Brustem as a lieutenant and technical officer flying the French Alpha Jet. In mid-1982, he became head of the section within the Air Force Control and Technical Reception Service responsible for quality assurance, production planning and financial control of a great variety of production and maintenance contracts related to ground equipment and aircraft components. In 1988 he became head of the SABENA Technics section in the same service, resident on Brussels National Airport, responsible for

following up the maintenance of Belgian Air Force transport aircraft (C-130 and Boeing 727).

From September 1990 to May 1991, Colonel Cosijn attended the higher officer course at the Royal Defence College in Brussels. He was put in charge of the Maintenance Squadron of 15th Transportation Wing, flying C-130, B727 and other transport aircraft. In 1994, he became the project manager of the ILIAS project and was responsible for the implementation of a completely new fully integrated logistics information and automation system in the Belgian Air Force and Navy. After successfully putting ILIAS into production, he was posted to the 21st Logistic Wing in 1998 to become the head of the special workshops for metrology, sound & light and others.

In September 1999, Colonel Cosijn joined NATO's HQ AIRNORTH in Ramstein as head of the newly established Logistics Branch within the TACEVAL Division. In 2002, he was posted to the Evaluation Department of the Belgian Armed Forces in Brussels, where he participated in the implementation of Total Quality Management to the Armed Forces. In September 2004, he was reassigned to the Military Hospital as head of the newly created Quality Management Cell. With his team, he facilitated the implementation of Total Quality Management methods and techniques at hospital-level. In 2005, he was promoted to his present rank.

In August 2007, Colonel Cosijn was assigned to Ramstein for a second time as Head of the A1 Division (Manpower and Personnel) of CC-Air HQ Ramstein. On 15 September 2008, Colonel was reassigned as Head of the A4 Division (Logistic) of this headquarters.

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