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## Biography

### Brigadier General Jean-Marc Vansantberghe, FRAF

#### Chief, French Military Mission



Brigadier General Jean-Marc Vansantberghe was appointed as Chief of French Military Mission to Allied Air Component Command Headquarters on 1 August 2006. He was born on 13 November 1955 at Lys les Lannoy in the north of France. He joined the Air Force Academy at Salon de Provence as a member of the 1976 class. In 1980 he earned his wings as a fighter pilot.

From 1980 to 1987 he served at Reims flying the Mirage F1. He commanded a squadron of Jaguar aircraft at Saint-Dizier from 1987 to 1990. During this assignment, in 1989, he participated in exercise Red Flag in the US, where he was in charge of a Jaguar flight. Subsequently, from 1990 to 1994, he commanded 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing equipped with Mirage 2000 at Dijon.

In 1995 he was awarded his diploma from the French Joint Staff College in Paris. From 1995 to 2000 he served with the French Air Force Staff, Paris, where he was responsible for planning of air force training and, subsequently, for the development of operational concepts and doctrine for the use of air weapon systems.

From 2000 to 2003 he was the Air base Commander at Metz Frescaty.

When he was assigned to the French Armed Forces Staff, Paris, in 2003, he held the post of a capability manager for the force system of "combat engagement" and was responsible for developing a technical-operational perspective for air-to-ground weapon systems. In 2003 and 2004 he contributed to the establishment of the European Defence Agency as a French expert.

He completed various operational assignments in Africa (Chad) and in Saudi Arabia during which he accomplished 60 combat missions.

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He attended a course as Chief A3 in 1999 at Hulburt Field, Florida.

Brigadier General Jean-Marc Vasantberghe has achieved 3,500 flying hours in fighter aircraft, mainly on Mirage F 1 and Mirage 2000.

He is an officer of the French Legion of Honour and of the French National Meritorious Order. He holds the "Croix de la Valeur Militaire" with a citation in the order of the air brigade, the "Médaille de l'aéronautique" and the "Croix du combattant".

He is married and father of six. His hobbies are movies and archery.