



DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL

Major General Philippe Martin

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Major General Philippe Martin was born on 4 December 1953 in Brussels (Belgium). After his studies at the Athénée Royal of Ixelles, he joined the Royal Military Academy in September 1971 with the 111th class Combined Arms.

He picked the cavalry, completed his preparatory course for second lieutenants at the Armoured Cavalry School and in 1976 joined the 4th Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment (4ème Régiment de Chasseurs à Cheval) in Arnsberg (Germany). There, he served as platoon leader and deputy commander of the C-Squadron.

In 1978, he moved to the Paratroopers Regiment and joined the Paratrooper Reconnaissance Squadron at Stockem (Belgium). There he was successively posted as platoon leader and as deputy commander. In 1984, Captain Philippe Martin went back to the 4th

Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment where he became the commander of the B-Squadron until 1986.

After the training course for senior officers at the Belgian Royal Defence College in Brussels (Belgium), Major Philippe Martin was appointed as operations officer (S3) of the 1st Lancers Regiment (Tank battalion) at Marche-en-Famenne (Belgium). From 1989, he moved back to Stockem (Belgium) to command the Paratrooper Reconnaissance Squadron until 1992. With his unit, he took part in a non-combatant evacuation operation in Zaire from October to November 1991.

He was then selected to follow the general staff officers' course at the Belgian Royal Defence College with the 107th class. As a general staff officer, he returned to the Paratrooper Brigade where he assumed the functions of operations officer, section chief Plans & Concepts and finally Chief of Staff. During this assignment in April 1994 he took part in the Belgian evacuation operation "Silver Back" in Rwanda following the outbreak of the civil war massacres.

In 1996, Lieutenant-Colonel (GS) Philippe Martin was entrusted with the command of the 3rd Recce Regiment of the Belgian Paratrooper Brigade (3ème Régiment de Lanciers Parachutistes). Promoted to Colonel in December 1998, he was appointed in 1999 to the Operational Command of the Land Forces as Branch Chief Synthesis. At the end of his tour of duty, he presided over the Helsinki Headline Goal Task Force during the Belgian presidency of the European Union.

In June 2002, Colonel (GS) Philippe Martin took over the command of the Belgian Paratrooper Brigade.

From January through June 2004, he commanded the mission "Avenir in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)", which, in the framework of the military partnership with the DRC, had the task of training the reunified and integrated 1st Brigade of the then new Congolese army in peacekeeping operations.

Promoted to the rank of Major General in December 2004, he became assistant to the deputy chief of staff operations and training (ACOS Ops & Trg), where he was in charge of the support and training for operations.

From March 2008 until August 2009 he was deputy chief of staff Welfare. On 21 September 2009 he became the Belgian Deputy Commander of HQ Eurocorps.

Major General Philippe Martin and his wife Katrine have two children.

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