

## **General Vincenzo CAMPORINI**

*Chief of Defence General Staff, ITALIAN ARMED FORCES*

(Appointed 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 – awaiting updated biography)

Born in 1946, General Camporini joined the Air Force Academy in 1965 where graduated in 1969. He served mainly as a F-104 RECCE pilot with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wing in Villafranca (Verona) where he commanded the 28<sup>th</sup> Squadron right after the graduation at the NATO Defence College in 1977 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel

After graduating at the ITAF Air War College in 1982 he served as Staff Officer at the Personnel Division of the Air Staff. From 1983 to 1985 he was Aide-de Camp to the Chief of Staff and with the rank of Colonel (1985) he served in the office in charge for new weapons systems development.

In 1988 he commanded the Air Force Flight Test Centre and represented Italy to the Aerospace Application Study Committee of AGARD. Back to the Air Force Staff, he was Chief of "New Weapon Systems Technical Development" Office, including EFA, and was Italian Representative in the NAEW program. On January 1<sup>st</sup> 1993, as Brigadier General, was posted as Head of Division "Plans, Operations and Training" and from April 1996 was Inspector of the Aviation for the Navy.

From November 1997, already ranked Major General, he directed the Inspectorate for Flight Safety until November 1998 when was designated as Head of Division "Military Policy and Planning" of the Defence General Staff.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> 2001, with the rank of Lt. General, took up the position of Deputy Chief of Defence General Staff until February 2004 when was designated as President of the Italian Centre for High Defence Studies.

General Camporini is the Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The General is a combat pilot with experience on 24 different aircraft including F-104, Tornado, AMX, heavy transport aircraft and helicopters. As of today he has more than 2.700 flying hours.

General Camporini earned University degrees in Aeronautical Sciences and International and Diplomatic Sciences.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

His awards and decorations include Grand Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Gold Medal for Flying Merit, Command Gold Medal, Gold Cross for Military Service, Italian Defence General Staff Medal of Honour, Commandeur of the Order of Merit of the French Republic, Santos Dumont Medal to the Merit of the Republic of Brazil, Diploma Paul Tissandier awarded by the Federation Aeronatique International.

General Camporini is married to the former Silvana Alemanno; they have a daughter and two grandchildren.

## **Lieutenant General Pietro Finocchio, General Director TELEDIFE, ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**



Born in Naples on 31 March 1945, attended the Pozzuoli Aeronautical Academy from 1963 to 1969 as a cadet and obtained a degree in Electronic Engineering from the Polytechnic of Naples, achieved with the maximum marks possible. He was promoted to the rank of Major General of the Italian Air Force on 31st December 1996. Worked for the following organisations within the Italian Air Force:

Technical Aeronautical Telecommunications Surveillance Office of Selenia, the Italian electronic manufacturing company;

Italian Air Force Experimental Flight Test Centre (RSV), Pratica di Mare;

Costarmaereo (MOD Procurement Agency for Aeronautical Weapon Systems);

Office of the Aeronautical and Defence Attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington;

Telecomdife (MOD Procurement Agency for Air Defence, Air Traffic Control, Telecommunication and Informatics).

He carries the title of Avionics System Flight Test Engineer obtained in the Experimental Flight Test Centre in 1977, carries a civil pilot's licence and is an experienced parachutist. He has held the following positions in the course of his career:

Host Country Inspector for the NATO programme for integrated air defence (NADGE);

Technical Director of Experimental Flight Test Centre (RSV) of the IAF;

Head of Section for the Procurement of Electronic Warfare Systems at Costarmaereo;

Director of 3rd level - Tornado Aircraft maintenance Centre;

Head of EFA and AMX Logistics - within Logistic branch of Italian Air Force General Staff

Head of 2° Department in Costarmaereo - responsible for the Procurement of aircraft, engines and avionics on behalf of the Italian Air, Navy and Ground Forces;

Head of 10 Department in Costarmaereo - responsible for aircraft research and development projects;

Co-Chairman of the EH1 01 Anglo -Italian Government Management Committee and member of the EH101 Policy Group, from 1990 to 1996;

Head of the Italian delegation to the Joint Executive Committee and member of the Steering Committee of the NH90 Programme, from 1992 to 1996;

Director of the Future Large Aircraft programme at Costarmaereo and member of the Policy Group, from 1994 to 1996;

Director of the Technical Coordination Office of the General Directorate for Telecommunication, Air Defence and Traffic Control of Ministry of Defence, from 1996 to 1999

Chief of National Armament Directorate R&T Department from 1999 to 2001.

Nominated Chairman of Western European Armament Group Panel II(R&T) and R&T Committee of Western European Armament Organization from 20 June 1997 to June 2001.

Nominated General Manager of NAHEMA (NATO Helicopter Management Agency) from 1 August 2001 to 31 July 2004. Since 27 September 2004, he is General Director of TELEDIFE. He speaks fluently English, French and Portuguese. Maj. Gen. FINOCCHIO is married with Mrs Enrica and has a daughter and a son.

Major General Adriano VIECELI

*Chief, Land Transformation Department & Logistics Department,*

**ITALIAN ARMY GENERAL STAFF**



Major General Adriano VIECELI was born in Pedavena (BL) in 1953. He joined the Army Military Academy in 1972 (154<sup>th</sup> Course) and, at the end of the Junior Army Officer School, was graduated as Signal Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1976.

During his career he served as Signal Corps Platoon and Company Commander in Alpine Units, and later as Signal Corps Battalion and Regiment Commander.

Between 1999 and 2002 he was appointed Defense Military Attachè in BEIRUT.

Relevant appointment as a Staff Officer have been: Section Chief at the Army General Staff Logistic Coordination Office, C4-IEW HQ Chief of Staff and Army Logistic HQ Chief of Staff.

He was graduated at the French Army Electronic School as Information & Electronics Engineer in 1983. He attended the Joint Staff College, the 18<sup>th</sup> International Organization and Multilateral Diplomatic Course and earned a degree and a Master of Arts in Strategic Science at the University of Turin.

Major General VIECELI has been awarded Officer of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy, Gold Medal for length of Service, Mauritian Medal, Bronze Medal for Length of Command, Commemorative Cross for Peacekeeping Mission in BOSNIA.

Since November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 he has been appointed the Italian Army General Staff Logistic Department Chief as well as maintaining the appointment of Army Land Transformation Department Chief.

He is married to Franca Paola and they have a daughter.

**Major General Georges D'hollander,**  
*Director, NATO Headquarters C3 Staff, NATO*



Major General Georges D'hollander was born in 1950 in Blankenberge, Belgium. A Signals man, with a long-spanning career specializing in electronics and telecommunications, he has served in Paris, Germany, Croatia, Bosnia, Somalia, Zaire and Rwanda. Although Dutch is his mother tongue, General D'hollander is fluent in French and English with an good knowledge of Spanish.

From 1999 to 2001, he was Head of the Communication and Information Systems Section of the Army Staff.

In 2002 until 2004, he was Head of the CIS Division of the Belgian Armed Forces and at the same time, Chairman of the NATO Army Armaments Group at NATO Headquarters. He is an 'Ancien' of the NATO Defence College (1996: course 88) and in January 2001, he stayed in London as a 'Member' of the Royal College of Defence Studies.

On 1 December 2004, MGen D'hollander took up the post of Director of the NATO Headquarters C3 Staff.

**Brigadier David Meyer, Assistant Chief Of Staff,**  
*Command and Battlespace Management (Land), BRITISH ARMY*

Brigadier David Meyer was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals in 1979 after entering Sandhurst at the age of 18. His recent staff posts have included working within MOD Whitehall as a Lieutenant Colonel covering joint Communications and Information Systems equipment requirements, and running the Command Support Development Centre in Blandford, as a Colonel. He commanded 14<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare) between 1999 and 2001, and 11<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade between 2003 and 2005. He attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in 2006.

His operational experience focused on the Balkans throughout the nineties and included a period of secondment to the OSCE in Kosovo before the NATO operation there. He has also worked for both NATO and the UN within Kosovo and Bosnia. More recently, he spent six months within the United Nations Military Observer Mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo, as the Chief of Staff.

Brigadier Meyer holds a Master's degree in International Studies and is a Fellow of the British Computer Society and a Chartered IT Professional. He has been in his current post within HQ Land Command since September 2006.

**Air Commodore Garfield Porter, Assistant *Director Transformation,*  
JOINT AIR POWER COMPETENCE CENTRE**



Air Commodore Garfield Porter was raised in the west country. He was educated at Bristol Cathedral School, before attending Queen Elizabeth College, University of London from where he graduated with a BSc Honours degree in 1976. After working for 2 years in industry, he joined the RAF as a navigator in 1978.



On completion of flying training he was posted to the maritime air community, completing tours on No 42 Squadron at RAF St Mawgan and No 206 Squadron at RAF Kinloss. During the latter tour, he was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air for his part in the SAR operation following the Piper Alpha disaster. He was also promoted to Squadron Leader towards the end of this tour and, in early 1989 embarked on a Royal Navy exchange tour as the RAF Staff Officer to Flag Officer Flotilla 3. He returned to RAF Kinloss in 1990 and served as a Flight Commander on No 201 Squadron before attending the RAF Staff College in 1993.

Promoted to Wing Commander on completion of the course, he was posted to the Directorate of Air Plans and Programmes, MOD. After 2 years in the Ministry, Garfield resumed flying duties in command of No 201 Squadron, again at Kinloss. This tour was followed by a year in the doctrine and concepts area, first at the Permanent Joint HQ and then at the newly formed Joined Doctrine and Concepts Centre.

In 2000, Garfield took up staff duties as Group Captain Maritime, HQ 3 Group, where he was responsible for both the operational employment and the wider policy issues of the RAF's Maritime Air and Search and Rescue Forces. He then assumed command of RAF Kinloss from Aug 2002-04 prior to his return to the MOD where, principally, he was responsible for Capability Strategy. Leaving this post on promotion to Air Commodore, he completed an operational tour as the UK Air Component Commander Middle East before joining the Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre as the first Director Air and Space in Apr 2006.

In May 2007, Air Cdre Porter assumed the appointment of Assistant Director Transformation at the Joint Air Power Competence Centre in Kalkar, Germany

**John J. Garstka, Assistant for Force Transformation & Analysis DASD Forces Transformation & Resources, OUSD(POLICY)**

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Mr. Garstka is the Special Assistant, Force Transformation & Analysis, DASD Forces Transformation and Resources, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy). In his current capacity he is responsible for contributing to the development and oversight of policy relating to the transformation of U.S. conventional force capabilities.

Mr. Garstka is a recognized thought leader in the area of Network Centric Warfare (NCW) and a respected international speaker.

While assigned to the Office of Force Transformation, Mr. Garstka was the Assistant Director, Concepts and Operations. In this capacity he developed an evidence base for the operational impact of networked forces, led Transformation engagements with U.S. Allies, and oversaw the creation of the Transformation Chairs Network at DoD educational institutions.

Prior to joining the Office of Force Transformation, Mr. Garstka was the Chief Technology Officer in the Joint Staff. Directorate for Command, Control, Computer and Communications

(C4) Systems. In this capacity he played a key role in the development and conceptualization of network-centric warfare and was the Joint Staff lead for the Department of Defense's Report to Congress on Network Centric Warfare.

Prior to joining the Joint Staff, Mr. Garstka was a Senior Systems Engineer with Cambridge Research Associates, where he had responsibility for leading consulting engagements with commercial and government customers.

Before joining Cambridge, Mr. Garstka served as an officer in the United States Air Force (USAF) for ten years, with assignments on the Air Staff and at USAF Space and Missile Center

Mr. Garstka is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1983. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University, where he studied as a Hertz Fellow.

Publications and reports he has authored or co-authored include:

- ***Network Centric Warfare: Developing and Leveraging Information Superiority***, by Alberts, Garstka, and Stein, CCRP Press, 1999. This book has been reprinted by leading IT companies and translated into three languages. Online at [www.dodccrp.org](http://www.dodccrp.org)
- ***Understanding Information Age Warfare***, by Alberts, Garstka, Hayes, and Signori, CCRP Press, 2001. Online at [www.dodccrp.org](http://www.dodccrp.org)
- "Network Centric Warfare: It's Origin and Future" which appeared in ***Proceedings of the Naval Institute*** in January of 1998.
- "Network Centric Warfare: An Overview of Emerging Theory," which appeared in ***PHALANX*** in December of 2000.
- ***DoD Report to Congress on Network Centric Warfare, July 2001***. Online at [www.dodccrp.org](http://www.dodccrp.org)
- "Network-Centric Warfare Offers Warfighting Advantage," which appeared in ***SIGNAL Magazine*** in May 2003.
- "The Transformation Challenge" which appeared in ***NATO Review***, Spring, 2005.

#### **Daniel Gonzales, TDL Project Lead, RAND**



Dan is a senior scientist at RAND. He received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from MIT, and a B.S. in Physics from Stanford University. Areas of expertise include Command and Control, Communications (C3) capabilities. He consults for the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force. For the Army he has examined communications needs and capabilities for future Army forces. He supports the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) in its efforts to make military C3 systems interoperable. He also leads research projects for the USD Policy examining the impact of network centric capabilities on military force effectiveness.

**Colonel James "Magic" Henderson,**  
*Chief, Warfighter Networking, US AIR FORCE*

Col Henderson leads the Warfighter Networking effort within the Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

This integration effort establishes a capability-based approach to developing strategies and plans across all domains to provide the joint warfighting effects needed to execute Air Force missions. It seeks to balance the current warfighter needs with the future vision to allow for an efficient and effective transformation to an advanced, global warfighting network.

Col Henderson's background includes 20 years and over 3800 hours as an F-16 pilot where he served as an operational combat pilot, US Air Force and multinational Fighter Weapons School instructor, Operational test pilot and Foreign Military exchange pilot.

**Lieutenant General Johan Kihl (R'td),**  
*Former Chief of Staff, SWEDISH ARMED FORCES*

Lieutenant General Johan Kihl was one of the first European military who understood NCW and its possibilities and from 1996 until his retirement in May 2004, was responsible for the transformation of the Swedish Armed Forces.

**Career:** Second Lieutenant 1969, Lieutenant General 2000, Retired 2004.

Served in the British Army on the Rhine 1974, General Staff Officer 1980-1987, Served in the Swedish UN battalion in Cyprus 1984, Brigade Commander 1989-1990, Director General of Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate 2000-2004 and COS Swedish Armed Forces Headquarters. From 1998-2004 Lieutenant General Johan Kihl was also Commander of the Special Forces.

**Other assignments** Member of the Board Swedish Research Agency (FOI) 2000-2004, member of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Science and member of the Board Module 1 Company.

**Leisure activities** Riding, running and skiing

**Brigadier Philip Pratley (R'td),**  
*Associate Partner, DEFENCE STRATEGY & SOLUTIONS LLP*

Philip Pratley is an Associate Partner in Defence Strategy and Solutions LLP with particular responsibility for working on effective information and information-related investment strategies alongside clients throughout the aerospace and defence sector, and beyond.

Previously in the Armed Forces, his last appointment was as a Brigadier in the MOD where he led the directorate responsible for developing equipment programmes, priorities and project requirements in the Command, Control and Information Infrastructure area. Philip chaired the UK's most recent Defence Information Capability Conference and is a regular contributor to seminars on both sides of the Atlantic and on the continent, working closely with American and UK colleagues in building the British Network Enabled Capability concept.

On operations, Philip commanded an armoured division signal regiment in Bosnia during the post-Dayton implementation year, a squadron in Northern Ireland and, rather earlier, the Armed Forces' satellite troop in Lebanon during the civil war there. On the staff side, he was one of the founder members of the "Customer 1" area of the UK's Smart Acquisition organisation, and trained as an Integrated Project Team leader. He also served as a member of the Directing Staff at the Staff College and on the commitments staff in London.

A graduate of the Higher Command and Staff Course, he also holds an honours degree in Engineering and has been made MBE as well as twice being awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service on Operations.

**Dick Hemsley, BA(Hons), MA (KCL), FCMI, Group Captain RAF(Rt'd)**

Dick began a second career in Defence Industry in March 2006 after 22 years of commissioned service in the Royal Air Force, preceded by 6 as an infantry soldier in the Territorial Army. He was commissioned into the RAF in 1984, but spent the latter part of his Service career entirely in Joint and MOD roles. He joined the faculty of the UK Joint Services Command & Staff College in 1998 and, in 2000, transferred to the UK Joint Force Air Component Headquarters as a Division Chief. He served as Chief of Staff to the UK Air Element Commander in Oman during operations against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in 2001.

Prior to promotion to Group Captain in early 2004, Dick spent two years as the senior air staff officer of the Joint Warfare Training Centre in the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters (PJHQ). His final RAF appointment, as a Group Captain, was as Deputy Director, Command and Battlespace Management in the UK MOD. As manager of the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff's Command and Battlespace Management Programme, he was responsible for driving forward the evolution of UK command and control capabilities, and for promoting coherent implementation of Network Enabled Capability across Defence. He championed integrated use of technical research, operational analysis and war-fighting experimentation to underpin Defence capability development, and also helped to shape the outputs and future evolution of the unique NITEworks experimentation partnership.

He now heads the Systems Division of SCS Limited – a medium-sized UK consultancy which provides independent advice and support to Defence, other Public Sector and commercial clients. He specializes in command and control, networked information and intelligence, collective training and Defence experimentation, and has recently worked on projects for the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters and the UK MOD Head Office, and has also been seconded to NITEworks.

**Brigadier General Stephen Schmidt,**  
*Commander, NAEW & C E-3A Component, NATO*

Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Schmidt is Commander, E-3A Component, NATO AEW&CF, Geilenkirchen, Germany. He leads over 3,100 NATO personnel representing 14 nations at NATO's only operational flying unit. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1979, he has served as an instructor/evaluator pilot in bomber and trainer aircraft. The general has commanded at the squadron, group and wing level. His staff tours include duty as Director of Logistics, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Chief of Staff at U.S. Strategic Command, Chief of the Strategic Nuclear Policy Branch on the Joint Staff, and he also served in the Secretary of the Air Force Staff Group. A command pilot, he has more than 4,000 flying hours and he currently flies both the E-3A and the B707-300.

**Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Shanley,**  
*Air System Design Integration Lead, US AIR FORCE*



Lt Col Shawn P. Shanley is the F-35, Air System Design Integration Team Senior Leader responsible for ensuring the overall technical design for the F-35 program meets war fighter requirements. In this role, he is responsible for management of all related aspects and functions of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Air System design integration, architecture development, and implementation including support of internal and external program design integration solutions specifically related to Interoperability, System Security, Joint Mission Data Reprogramming Enterprise development, Air System Software, Site Activation and Integration, and Technology Integration/Export

Control. Prior to this position he was Lead, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Interoperability. He was responsible for leading all aspects and activities ensuring interoperability of the \$300 Billion dollar F-35 "Fifth Generation" Air to Air/Air to Ground fighter. His group was responsible for ensuring the Joint Strike Fighter meets Net-readiness standards advancing Network Centric Warfighting concepts and goals. He was Commander, 46th Test Squadron Detachment 1 at Hanscom AFB, MA providing early test strategy, policy, and planning guidance to over 350+ Command, Control, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I) acquisition programs and identifying new processes and procedures for conducting Network Centric testing. He has also held various C4ISR positions at the United States Air Force Headquarters level and led Command & Control study activities supporting Central and Eastern Europe states transitions into NATO. He is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College Program Management Course, Advanced Program Managers Course, and Air Force War College.

**Steven Harland, BA (Hons), M.Phil (Cantab), C. Psychol, FRSA**

*UK Defence and Security Advisor*



Steven Harland is a defence and security advisor with a first degree in Psychology and a postgraduate degree in the Philosophy of Science. He has over 20 years experience and his recent work has principally focused on the development of intelligence-led operations at tempo, including the fusion and analysis of intelligence. He has undertaken theatre visits to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Steven is working for the several organisations across defence, including the Directorate of Special Forces (DSF), the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS), the Directorate of Command and Battlespace Management (DCBMJ6) and the Development, Concepts

and Doctrine Centre (DCDC). He is a member of the British Psychological Society, the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He is a Director of Intellika Ltd.

**Brigadier General Karl Engelbrektson, Force Commander, Nordic Battlegroup,  
SWEDISH ARMED FORCES**



Karl Lorentz Engelbrekt Engelbrektson started his military career in 1981 at the Royal Bohuslän Regiment (17<sup>th</sup> Inf Regiment) as a conscript. Graduated from the Infantry Officers Course 1984 he was commissioned as an Infantry Officer.

He has served as instructor, platoon-, company and battalion commander at different infantry and armoured regiments, as well as a teacher at the military academy. He has also been the head of several projects within the Swedish Armed Forces HQ.

He graduated from the Swedish National Defence College in 1996. After a short period within the Military Intelligence, he was assigned to the Swedish MoD, Security Policy and International Department.

At the MoD he primarily worked with arms control issues and EU military co-operation. In 1998 he was commissioned as a general staff officer at the Army Staff and tasked to be its representative in the reformation of the Swedish Armed Forces training and education system. After that he was given the task of organising a new joint training section within the Swedish Armed Forces Joint HQ. During 1999 he was responsible for developing a new manning and training system for conscripts within the SAF.

From 1999 to 2000 he studied Security Policy at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. After this period he was tasked with organising an international manning section within the Swedish Armed Forces HQ. He was also appointed as the first head of this section.

After the years at the strategic and policy level it was time to serve on regimental level. From 2001 to 2003 he served as Battalion Commander and deputy Brigade Commander at the armoured regiment on the island of Gotland. Since it was the Gotland Regiment that was responsible for organising the 9<sup>th</sup> Swedish Battalion in Kosovo, he was appointed as CO of this unit during 2003/2004.

Karl Engelbrektson has had and still has several "appointments of trust". Among others he has been elected as spokesman/chairman at all the schools he has attended during, his nine years of military and civilian college education. Presently he is engaged in the board of his golf club. He has also been a sailing trainer at national level. He is a member of The Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences.

In the military he has studied more in-depth within the areas of security policy and leadership. In the latter subject he is often engaged as a lecturer.

When he is not working he likes to spend time with his family, do out-door activities, physical exercise and working on his summer cottage. When time allows he also plays golf.

**Colonel Ofer Azari, Technical Programme Officer, Digitized Army Programme,  
Ground Forces Command, ISRAELI DEFENCE FORCES**

Colonel Ofer Azari was born on May 26<sup>th</sup> 1963 in Israel. Col. Azari received his B.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from Ben-Gurion University in 1990, and MBA degree from Ben-Gurion University in 1996. Col. Azari started his service in 1981 as a Signal Officer in the National Signal Battalion. Since then, Col. Azari served in several positions in the C4I Branch, as a Project Officer and leading R&D teams in the IDF's signal Corp and the Southern Command. Between 2001 – 2003 Col. Azari served as the Israeli Liaison Officer in CECOM (Communication & Electronics Command), US Army, NJ. Col. Azari is now the Technical Program Officer (TPO) of the Digitized Army Program. In the Technology Division, Ground Forces Command.

**Brigadier General Mag. Hermann K. Loidolt,**

*Director CIS And CDR Command And Control Support Command, AUSTRIAN ARMED FORCES*



BGen LOIDOLT started his career in 1974 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant with an Engineer Battalion. After assignments with the UN in Syria and graduation from the General Staff Officers Training Course at National Defense Academy in Vienna he was responsible for establishing the Military Information System (MILIS) and for long range armament and military planning. In 1990 he became Battalion Commander with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Brigade and in 1994/1995 International Fellow at the National Defense University/Washington D.C. and graduated from Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In 1995 he was assigned Director of Information Technology Acquisition in the Department of Communication and Electronic Equipment in the Ministry of Defense and in 2001 he became Maj Gen for the function as Chief Military Observer with UNMOGIP (United Nations Military Observer Group India and Pakistan).

Since Dec. 2002 BGen Loidolt is Director Communication and Information Systems, Commander Command and Control Support Command and Chief Information Officer of the Austrian Armed Forces. In addition to it he has an assignment as Acting National Armament Director for International Affairs, representing Austria at the Board of National Armament Directors in Brussels.

Hobbies include golf, in-line-skating, football, classical music and skiing.