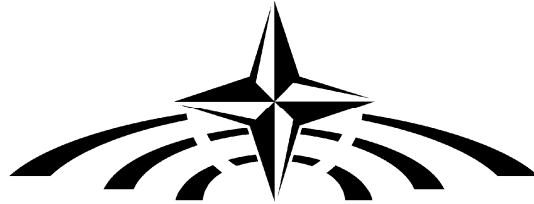


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## **NATO Parliamentary Assembly**

### **SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRANSATLANTIC DEFENCE AND SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

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## **VISIT TO PARIS AND BREST, FRANCE**

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***5-7 March 2012***

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

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**SUNDAY 4 MARCH****PARIS****Arrival of participants in Paris.**

Individual transfer to hotel

**Accommodation**

**Hotel** Lutetia – Concorde Paris  
**Address** 45 boulevard Raspail  
 75006 Paris  
**Phone** +33 1 57 00 50 60  
**Fax** +33 1 57 00 50 70  
**E-mail** [aboulez@concorde-hotels.com](mailto:aboulez@concorde-hotels.com)  
**Website** <http://www.lutetia-paris.com/en>  
**Rate** Superior Single Room: 210 euros per night (including breakfast and VAT)

Evening

Free

**MONDAY 5 MARCH****PARIS**

9.00

Departure from the hotel lobby to the National Assembly  
 Venue: 33 rue St. Dominique, 75007 Paris

***All participants are required to present their passports or identity cards upon entry to the meetings.***

9.45 – 10.30

*Presentation on France's Defence Policy* by the Minister of Defence,  
**G rard LONGUET**

Venue: Salle de la commission des affaires  trang res, 2 me  tage  
 33 rue St. Dominique, 75007 Paris

10.30 – 12.00

*Update on the Review of the White paper on national Defence and security* by **Francis DELON**, French Secretary General for Defence and National Security

12.30 – 14.30

Lunch at the National Assembly, hosted by the Delegation of the National Assembly to the NATO PA  
 Venue : Petit H tel, All e de la pr sidence

14.30

Departure from the National Assembly to the **Joint Chiefs of Staff Headquarters**

Venue: 10 rue St Dominique, 75007 Paris

15.00 – 16.30

*Joint Chiefs of Staff perspectives on The Main Challenges Implementing NATO's 2010 Strategic Concept*, by Rear-Admiral **Pascal AUSSEUR**, Head of the Department for International Organisations at the French Joint Chiefs of Staff

16.30 – 17.00

*Presentation of the Franco-British agreements on Defence and their implications for NATO and for the European Union*

17.00 – 18.00	<i>Presentation of terminated (Libya) and current operations (Afghanistan, Kosovo), by Captain Laurent <b>LEBRETON</b>, Navy Deputy of the Commander of the Center on Planning and Conduct of Operations (CPCO) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff</i>
18.00	Departure from the Joint Chiefs of Staff Headquarters to the hotel
Evening	Free

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**TUESDAY 6 MARCH      PARIS**


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9.15	Departure from the hotel lobby to the Senate <b>All participants are required to present their passports or identity cards upon entry to the meetings.</b>
10.00 – 11.45	<i>The French policy to prevent and fight proliferation by <b>Marion PARADAS</b>, Director at the General Secretariat for Defence and National Security (SGDSN)</i> Venue: Salle de la commission des affaires étrangères, de la défense et des forces armées du Sénat, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor 46 rue de Vaugirard 75006 Paris
11.45 – 12.15	Tour of the Palais du Luxembourg Venue: 15 rue de Vaugirard 75006 Paris
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch at the Senate, hosted by the delegation of the Senate to the NATO PA Venue: Restaurant du Sénat, 15 rue de Vaugirard 75006 Paris
14.30 – 19.00	<b>Round table on missile defence in the Senate</b> Venue: Palais du Luxembourg, salle Clémenceau
14.30 – 14.45	The French approach: a complex discussion with multiple perspectives, by Senator <b>Xavier PINTAT</b>
14.45 – 15.15	<i>Military Considerations: assessment of the threat</i> , by Senator <b>Jean-Pierre CHEVENEMENT</b> and Senator <b>Jacques GAUTIER</b>
15.15 – 15.45	<i>Industrial Considerations: technological and industrial choices</i> , by <b>Didier MAUGARS</b> , Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ONERA (French Aerospace Lab) and <b>Antoine BOUVIER</b> , Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MBDA Missile Systems
15.45 – 16.15	Discussion
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee break
16.45 – 17.15	<i>Diplomatic Considerations: Taking Stock of NATO Progress on Missile Defence</i> , by <b>Bruno DUTHOIT</b> , Senior Vice President, Defence, EADS Astrium Space Transportation, and <i>Ballistic Missile Defence; A building block for Alliances</i> , by <b>Camille GRAND</b> , Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

17.15 – 17.40	Discussion
17.40 – 17.45	Break
17.45 – 18.15	<i>Strategic Considerations</i> , by <b>Michel MIRAILLET</b> , Director of the Department for Strategic Affairs in the French Ministry of Defence, Senator <b>Daniel REINER</b> and <b>Jean-Michel BOUCHERON</b> , Member of Parliament
18.15 – 18.30	<i>Concluding remarks: the French contribution to ballistic missile defence</i> , by <b>Laurent COLLET-BILLON</b> , Chief Executive of the “Direction Générale d’Armement”, Ministry of Defence
18.30 – 19.00	Discussion
19.00	Return to the hotel
Evening	Free

### **WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH BREST**

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6.30	Departure from the hotel lobby to Villacoublay military Airfield <b><i>All participants are required to present their passports or identity cards upon entry to the meetings. Mobile phones, computers, cameras and other electronic devices will not be allowed on Ile Longue.</i></b>
7.30	Military flight to Brest from Villacoublay military Airfield
9.00	Arrival at naval aeronautical base of Landivisiau
9.00 – 10.30	Transfer from Landivisiau to <b>Ile Longue</b> base
10.30 – 12.00	Briefing by Vice Admiral <b>Georges-Henri MOUTON</b> , Commander of French Strategic Sub-marine and Maritime Forces
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Visit of a Nuclear-Powered Device-Launching Sub-marine (SNLE)</b>
13.00 – 14.30	Hosted lunch on the base of Ile Longue at the Carré
14.30 – 16.00	Transfer from Ile Longue to the naval aeronautical base of Landivisiau
16.00 – 17.30	Visit of <b>Naval Aeronautical base of Landivisiau</b> , including <i>Rafale</i> Naval Jet Fighter Aircraft
17.30 – 19.00	Return flight from Landivisiau to Villacoublay
19.00 – 20.00	Transfer from Villacoublay military Airfield to the hotel
20.00 approximately	Arrival at hotel
	End of meetings

**THURSDAY 8 MARCH    PARIS**

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Individual departure of participants

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## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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**Gérard LONGUET**  
Minister of Defence, France

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Gerard Longuet was born on February 24th, 1946 in Neuilly sur Seine (close vicinity of Paris).

He graduated the Paris Institute of Political Science; he holds a diploma in sociology as well as a post-graduate in political science; he was admitted to Ecole Nationale d'Administration, which he graduated in 1973.

He started his professional career as a Sous-Préfet. He was elected Deputy for the first time in Bar-le-Duc (Lorraine) in 1978, as mandate he held from 1978 to 1981 and from 1986 to 1993. He was also a Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1986.

Between 1986 and 1994, he was appointed minister on three occasions: Junior minister for Post office and Telecommunications services (March-August 1986); Junior minister to the minister for Industry, Post office and Telecommunications services (1986 – 1988); minister for Industry, Post office, Telecommunications services and International Trade (1993 – 1994). As such, he was the main negotiator of the Marrakech treaty, which gave birth to the WTO.

He was elected as President of the Republican Party in 1990, and remained in this position until 1995.

He has been a political advisor in the UMP party since 2004. Until being appointed to his current position, he had been a senator of the Meuse department since 2001, and had been chairing the UMP parliamentary group of the Senate since 2009.

Gerard Longuet is a father of four daughters. He has a passion for history, sailing and mechanics: he built his first sail-boat himself. He has been presiding over the World Centre for Peace in Verdun since it was created in 1988, a place where he has received numerous international personalities like the UN Secretary General and President Bouteflika.



**Francis DELON**

French Secretary General for Defence and National Security

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M Francis DELON, born October 6th, 1950, graduated from ENA, France's school of Public Management, in 1979. He's a member of the Council of State (Conseil d'état, France's supreme Court in public and administrative law).

Francis DELON was appointed Secretary General for National Defence (SGDN) in July 2004. Attached to the Office of the Prime Minister, SGDN is the meeting point for all issues concerning France's internal and external security, and it leads interagency reflection and coordinates government action in these fields. He's Secretary General for Defence and National Security since 2010.

Before joining SGDN, Francis DELON served as President of Subsection five of the Litigation division of the Council of State from 1997 to 2004. He was at the same time President of the Appeal Committee of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR), and a member of the Board of Directors of the French National Library. Prior to this position, he was the Principal chief of staff of the Minister of National education, higher education and research, from 1995 to 1997. He had previously served as Director for international affairs and cooperation at the Ministry of National education, from 1994 to 1995, and was its Senior civil servant for defence issues.

From 1988 to 1994, Francis DELON held the position of First Counselor and Legal adviser at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York. Prior to that, he had served as an official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1986. From 1979 to 1986, Mr DELON was a member of the Council of State in the Litigation division, and was, at the same time representative to the Director for legal affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr DELON is officer of the national order of the Legion d'Honneur and Commandeur des Palmes académiques (Academic decoration for services to education).

**Rear-Admiral Pascal AUSSEUR**

Head of the Department for International Organisations at the French Joint Chiefs of Staff

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After Graduating from the Naval Academy in 1984, Rear Admiral Pascal Ausseur served in operational positions on surface ships, especially within the French Aircraft Carrier Group. He served at sea for 15 years, in particular as a specialist in "above the surface" and "air defence" warfare.

He was appointed as commanding officer three times: of the training ship « Jaguar » in 1987, the frigate « Commandant L'Herminier » from 1994 to 1995 and the air defence destroyer « Jean Bart » from 2004 to 2006.

He took part to numerous operations in the Gulf of Guinea, the Persian-Arabian Gulf, the Mediterranean, the Middle-East and the Indian Ocean, notably through several deployments of the carrier group. In 1995, he was also involved ashore, in the NATO operation in former Yugoslavia. Beside this varied operational career, he worked for the human resources of the French Navy (he conducted studies on officer careers) and at the French Joint staff where he was in charge of the development of relations between France and NATO.

From 2007 to 2010, he was employed as the head of the international division "Western World and Asia" at the Private Office of the Minister of Defense.

He Graduated from the College Interarmées de Défense (Joint Staff College), took part in the 56th session of "Centre des Hautes Etudes Militaires" and the "59th session de l'Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale".

Head of the "organisations Internationales" division at the French Joint Staff, he was promoted to Rear Admiral on the 1st of May 2010. « Officier de la légion d'honneur », « officier de l'ordre national du mérite », he was awarded the « la croix de la valeur militaire ».

Rear Admiral Pascal Ausseur is married and has 4 children.



**Captain Laurent LEBRETON**

Navy Deputy of the Commander of the Center on Planning and Conduct of Operations (CPCO) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Born in Cherbourg on March 7th, 1964, Captain Lebreton graduated with the Class of 1984 from the French Naval Academy. After completing his officer's training campaign on board the helicopter carrier "*JEANNE D'ARC*", he was assigned to ships based in France.

Captain Lebreton served on LPD-type amphibious ships and "*CASSARD-Class*" anti-aircraft destroyers.

By the end of 1990, he had participated in numerous operations and exercises in the Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1991, he specialized in antiaircraft and missiles warfare, which led him to be assigned as gunnery officer aboard destroyers, on antisubmarine frigates and also aboard the "*JEANNE D'ARC*" as an instructor for midshipmen.

In 1993, he was deployed to the Balkans and participated in the operations *Balbuzard* and *Sharp Guard* for two years. In 1995, he concluded this phase of his career by being given command of the patrol boat "*LA TAPAGEUSE*" in Polynesia in the Pacific Ocean.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1996, he became operational officer of the anti-submarine warfare frigate "*JEAN DE VIENNE*" which was deployed operationally in the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean. He participated in numerous exercises with the Navies of NATO and EU with EUROMARFOR.

In 1998, he joined the Naval Instruction Centre of Saint Mandrier in Toulon. Over a period of two years, Captain Lebreton was responsible for the major operational course for officers on combat management system technology for AAW destroyers and all other AWW domains.

Promoted to Commander in 2000, he followed the eightieth session of the Collège interarmées de défense (CID) in Paris. After graduating, he was assigned for three years to Armament Programme Division at Navy headquarters in order to oversee shipbuilding of the new "*HORIZON-Class*" air defence destroyer for the French Navy. In July 2004, he became executive officer of the air defence destroyer "*CASSARD*" and took part in NATO exercises and operations in the Mediterranean Sea. In July 2005, he took command of the "*LAFAYETTE-class*" frigate "*ACONIT*"

based in Toulon; first operating in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea then in the Indian Ocean (Operation *Enduring Freedom*).

Promoted to the rank of Captain in October 2006, he joined the French joint HQ (CPCO centre de planification et de conduite des operations) in Paris as chief of the J5 cell in charge of all European zone joint operations (KFOR, EUFOR BOSNIA, AIR BALITIC, OAE, etc.) and the NATO force generation process for all operations.

In July 2009, he was assigned chief of the plans and policy division at the French Navy Staff In his multipurpose subjects he deals with , for the joint staff ,he is specially in charge for the coordination and updating of the navy part of the DPCS ( defence planning capability survey).

In august 2011, he joined the Nato Defense College as member course of the 119 session. Since the beginning of February, He was assigned as the Naval operational adviser of the Chief of the French PJHK, the CPCO ( centre de planification et de conduite des operations)

He is married to Odile Lebreton, a doctor of medicine, and has three sons and one daughter.

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### **Senator M. Jacques GAUTIER**

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Born UMP, Hauts-de-Seine; Senate



**Antoine BOUVIER**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, MBDA Missile Systems

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Antoine Bouvier was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MBDA in June 2007.

From January 2002 until joining MBDA, he was CEO of ASTRIUM Satellites. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President in charge of Eurocopter's Commercial Helicopter Division.

In 1990, Antoine Bouvier joined Aerospatiale's Commercial Aircraft Division. In 1991, he became the Division's Director of Strategic Analysis. From 1992 until 1994, he was Secretary General and Industrial Director of the ATR GIE. Between 1994 and 1998, he was ATR's Vice-President Operations, going on to become President of the ATR GIE from 1998 until 2001.

Antoine Bouvier started his career as an auditor at the Cour des Comptes (similar to the UK's National Audit Office).

Antoine Bouvier is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique (1980-1983) and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (1983-1986).

Antoine Bouvier was born in Paris in 1959. He is married with five children.



**Bruno DUTHOIT**

Senior Vice President, Defence, EADS Astrium Space Transportation

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M. Duthoit is the General Manager of the Defence Division at EADS Astrium Space Transportation.

Prior to his appointment by EADS in 2005, he was vice president for Projects at Armaris French company which is a prime contractor in military systems and vessels export programs.

Before this he had spent 16 years, in electrical engineering mainly in Cegelec, where he worked in several departments after joining them in 1987. He was General Manager for "Industrial Systems & Services" business. This division provides international turn key contracts, in oil & gas, infrastructure, industry and water businesses, global industrial maintenance and specialised industrial services for energy, space and oil industries. He went on to take up his last position as Senior Vice President, in charge of strategy and business development.

Previously, he had spent the first two years within CGA subsidiary as robotics manager moving then to the Comsip Division where he was Deputy Manager for "oil & gas", then Manager of International Services and finally General Manager in "Energy Space & Construction", handling international contracts and industrial services.

Mr. Duthoit started his career in 1980 in the Ministry of Defence as Project Manager in Navy shipyards, in charge of warship construction and maintenance.

Mr Duthoit studied at the Ecole Polytechnique and ENSTA, the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées, and has the IFG diploma in business administration. Of French nationality he is also fluent in English.

Astrium Space Transportation is the European prime contractor for civil and military space transportation and manned space activities.



**Michel MIRAILLET**

Director of the Department for Strategic Affairs in the French Ministry of Defence

*Education (1978-1986)*

Bachelor of Arts, Master in Public Law, Master in Business Administration (Paris IX university), graduated from the Paris Institute of Political Science and Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

*Professional experience*

<b>Since 2007.08.24</b>	Under Secretary of Defence for Policy (Ministry of Defense)
<b>2006-2007</b>	Director for international and strategic affairs of the SGDN (Secretariat-general for National Defence – Prime Minister office).
<b>2004-2006</b>	Deputy Head of the Human Resources Directorate (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
<b>2001-2004</b>	Deputy Head of Mission – French Embassy in Israel
<b>1997-2000</b>	Political advisor – French mission to NATO – Brussels
<b>1995-1997</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> counsellor at the French Embassy in Egypt
<b>1992-1995</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Counsellor at the Permanent mission to the United Nations, in charge of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Committee, UNSCOM and Pol-Mil Affairs at the Security Council
<b>1989-1992</b>	Deputy head of the Office for arms export control – Economic Directorate
<b>1988-1989</b>	Desk Officer at the Middle East affairs Directorate in charge of Iraq and Iran affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)



**Laurent COLLET-BILLON**

Chief Executive of the "Direction Générale d'Armement", Ministry of Defence

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General (armament corps) Laurent Collet-Billon was appointed chief executive of "Direction Générale de l'Armement" (DGA) by the French Council of Ministers on 28th July 2008.

Laurent Collet-Billon graduated from the "Ecole nationale supérieure de l'aéronautique et de l'espace" and joined DGA in 1974. He started his career at the AIA (support plant) in Bordeaux, and then, from 1977, held several programme manager positions in the military telecommunications domain.

In 1987, he was appointed technical adviser for strategic, industrial and armament matters in the private office of Defence Minister André Giraud.

In 1988, back in the DGA, he was appointed programme manager of the air to ground nuclear armament (Horus), and in 1992 took over the overall responsibility for the satellite and space portfolio. From 1994 onwards, he held several managerial responsibilities in the field of land armaments and electronic and computer systems.

In February 1997, he was appointed architect of the "tactical and strategic mobility" forces' system. In August 1997, Laurent Collet-Billon became head of the observation, telecommunication and information programme office (SPOTI) at DGA.

On 2nd May 2001, the Council of Ministers appointed him deputy head of the DGA and director of the weapons systems directorate, supervising all national armament programs. He was French representative for the board of supervisors of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAr).

From July 2006 to July 2008, Laurent Collet-Billon was senior vicepresident for defence and security matters at Alcatel Lucent Group.

Born in 1950, Laurent Collet-Billon is married. He is a Commander of the Legion of Honour and an Officer of the National Order of Merit. He attended the "Centre des Hautes Etudes de l'Armement" (CHEAr) course.

**Vice Admiral Georges-Henri MOUTON**

Commander of French Strategic Sub-marine and Maritime Forces

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Born on 13 December 1957 at Saint Mandé, he is married with 5 children.  
He entered the French Naval College in September 1976

1978 – 1979 : Fleet time aboard the Helicopter Carrier "Jeanne d'Arc"

1979 – 1980 : Corvette "Victor Schoelcher", based in the Indian Ocean

1980 – 1981 : Submarine "Morse"

1981 – 1983 : Specialist course to become a missile officer aboard an SSBN

1984 – 1985 : Strategic Missile Officer aboard the SSBN "L'Indomptable"

1985 – 1987 : Operations Officer on the SSN “ Saphir” red crew  
 1987 – 1989 : Executive Officer on the SSKs “ Ouessant” then “ Bévéziers”  
 1989 – 1990 : Navigating Officer and navigation instructor on the Helicopter Carrier “Jeanne d'Arc”  
 1990 – 1992 : Commanding Officer of the SSN “Casabianca” red crew  
 1992 – 1993 : Command Sea Rider on the training staff for submarines based on the Atlantic coast.  
 1993 – 1994 : Student on the Joint Service Staff Course in Paris  
 1994 – 1996 : Command Sea Rider on the training staff for submarines based in the Mediterranean  
 1996 – 1998 : Executive Officer of the SSBN “Le Triomphant” blue crew  
 1998 – 2000 : Navy HQ as the new generation SSBN programming officer responsible for programmes and the setting to work of the M51 missile  
 2000 – 2002 : Commanding Officer of the SSBN “Le Triomphant” blue crew  
 2002 – 2003 : Student on 52th course of the CHEM (Higher Staff Course) and on the 55th course of the HEDN (equivalent of the UK Royal College of Defence Studies)  
 2003 - 2004 : Instructor at the CHEM and naval advisor to the Director of the HEDN  
 2004 – 2006 : Naval Assistant to the Minister of Defence  
 2006 - 2007 : Head of the Chief of the Naval Staff's outer office  
 2007 -2009 : Director of the Ministry of Defence Nuclear Forces policy  
 01 September 2009 : Inspector of nuclear weapons  
 01 March 2010 – promoted Rear Admiral  
 01 November 2010 – promoted Vice Admiral  
 He was appointed as the Flag Officer Submarines in September 2010

Décorations :

Officier de la légion d'honneur (Officer of the Legion of Honour)  
 Officier de l'ordre national du mérite (Officer of the National Order of Merit)  
 Médaille d'argent de la défense nationale agrafe sous-marins (National Defence Silver Medal with submarines citation)

**Rear Admiral Eric DUPONT**  
 Deputy Commander of SSN and SSBN forces

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Rear Admiral Eric Dupont entered the Naval College, Brest in 1978, taking the operations and technical course. On completion of his studies he spent his initial Fleet time aboard "Jeanne d'Arc", then joining the corvette "Victor Schoelcher" in the Indian Ocean. Volunteering for submarines in 1982, he served in the SSKs "Doris" and then "Bévéziers" based in Toulon.

Specialising ASW and weapons in 1984, he joined the SSK "Requin" as Weapons Officer, and then " Flore". This was followed by service in the SSBNs "Le Foudroyant" and "L'Inflexible". In 1989, he joined the SSK Agosta, based in Lorient, as Executive Officer.

After the Command Nuclear Course, he took over as the Executive Officer of the SSN "Rubis" in refit in Toulon. In January 1993, he took command of the SSN "Améthyste", and then the SSN "Rubis" in March 1994 until March 1996. After these 2 commands, he became a Command Sea Rider for submarines based in the Mediterranean. In 1996, he attended the Joint Staff Course in Paris and on completion became the Deputy Naval Base Commander in Brest. This was followed in December 1997 by another Executive Officer appointment aboard the SSBN "L'Inflexible" then in refit in Brest.

In July 1999, he was appointed Navigating Officer of the nuclear aircraft carrier “Charles de Gaulle” then in build in Brest. He took the ship through sea trials, the setting to work of the flight deck right up to her formal acceptance into operational service. He attended The Maritime Component Command Course held in HMS Dyrad as a foreign student of the UK Commanding



Officers Desig Course. He returned to submarines in November 2001. From January 2002 to March 2003, he commanded the SSBN "L'Inflexible" blue crew. On completion of this tour he was appointed Head of Submarines Operations.

Rejoining the MOD in September 2004, he was Director of International Relations (Asia, Pacific and Latin America and the UN). From August 2006 to June 2008, he was Director of Future Developments for the SSBN force at the Naval Headquarters. Between June 2008 and September 2009, he was the Deputy to the Fleet Support and Finance Commander at the Naval HQ, where his main area of concern was operational support. In September 2009, he was appointed Deputy FOST and Second in Command of the Submarine Service.

He has attended the 41st Higher Armaments Course.

He is married with 5 children and holds the following decorations :

- Officier de la légion d'honneur (Officer of the Legion of Honour)
- Officier de l'ordre national du mérite (Officer of the National Order of Merit)
- Médaille d'argent de la défense nationale avec agrafe "sous-marin" (Silver National Defence Medal with submarines citation).



**Captain Stéphane DE SAINT-EXUPERY**  
Commanding Officer of French SSBN Base of l'Île Longue

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Originally from Dordogne, Captain Stéphane de Saint-Exupéry joined the French Navy in 1986, after having trained as an officer in the merchant navy.

After a year in the SSBN LE REDOUTABLE, he decided upon a career in submarines and transferred to a full career commission. He was then appointed to an A69 Class ASW frigate, FS COMMANDANT BOUAN, where he qualified as Officer of the Watch. Returning to the Submarine Service in June 1988, he spent a year on the DAPHNE class SSK VENUS, before starting Ballistic Missile Officer training in September 1989.

After qualifying as a Ballistic Missile Officer in June 1990, he spent two appointments in the SSBN L'INFLEXIBLE, completing seven operational patrols, firstly as Assistant and then as Officer in Charge of the Ballistic Missiles. He joined the commissioning crew of the first of class SSBN LE TRIOMPHANT in January 1996, for trials and the first operational patrol.



In 1996, he assumed command of the patrol boat FS LA CAPRICIEUSE, based in French Guyana. In his year in command, he carried out surveillance missions for the European Space Agency, as well as offshore patrols against illegal fishing and smuggling operations.

He joined the SSN EMERAUDE in December 1997, spending two operational cycles as Operations Officer. Promoted Lieutenant Commander on 1 October 2000, he was appointed Executive Officer of the SSN CASABIANCA in June 2001.

Following this, he attended the Eleventh Staff Defence College Course, in Paris, from which he graduated in July 2004.

He then returned to the Submarine Service to assume command of the SSN AMETHYSTE on 13 July 2004, then SSN PERLE on 24 September 2004.

In 2007, after a year in the training division of the SSN squadron as executive training officer he joined the nuclear division of the combined general staff in Paris where he followed the nuclear ballistic program M51 until its commissioning.

Since July 2011, he assumed command of the SSBN base of l'Île Longue. He has been promoted Captain on 01 August 2011.

Aged forty seven, Captain Stéphane de Saint-Exupéry has a total of 27,000 hours spent dived in submarines. He is Knight in the Order of the Légion d'Honneur and he is decorated with the Croix de la Valeur Militaire and the golden medal of the Department of Defence. He is married with Annick and they have four children.

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