

ALLIED MARITIME COMMAND



Biography

Vice Admiral

Hervé Bléjean

French Navy

Deputy Commander



Vice Admiral Hervé Bléjean was born on the 11th of December 1963 in Toulon.

After completion of his junior officer education and training, Vice Admiral Bléjean was assigned in 1987 to escort ship VICTOR SCHOELCHER, deployed to the Persian Gulf during the Iraq-Iran war. On the following year, he was appointed to mine warfare experiment ship THETIS as Executive Officer. In 1990 he attended a one-year specialization course on Communication and Information Systems (CIS), followed by a two years on board USS NICHOLSON as Assistant Operations Officer.

In 1993 Vice Admiral Bléjean was assigned as Commanding Officer to the training ship LEOPARD and the Navigation Training Flotilla. In 1994 he was appointed as Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Naval Staff followed by Operations Officer of the DDG ASW GEORGES LEYGUES in 1996. In 1998 Vice Admiral Bléjean was appointed as a Trainer at the Training Department of the Fleet.

In 2000 after completing the Staff Course at the Defence College, Paris, he was assigned as official representative of the Chief of Personnel at the Ministry of Defence. In 2002 he assumed the command of the frigate FS VENDÉMIAIRE, deployed to the North Indian Ocean to participate in Operation “Enduring Freedom”.

Between 2003 and 2005, Vice Admiral Bléjean was assigned as Assistant to the Head of Human Resources Policy of the Navy Headquarters, working on the future status of the military personnel.

Promoted to Captain in 2005, he was appointed as the Head of the Naval Operations Department at the Joint Headquarters Operations Centre. In 2007 he took the Command of the helicopter carrier JEANNE D’ARC and the associated naval training group, which he led through “Operation Thalatine” that resulted with the successful liberation of 30 hostages from Somali pirates.

In 2009, after completing the Advanced Military Studies and the National Defence Institute, Vice Admiral Bléjean was appointed as Deputy Chief of the Military Office of the Prime Minister.

Promoted to Rear Admiral (LH) in September 2013, he assumed the duties as Deputy Commander of the French Maritime Force (FRMARFOR). In parallel, he took command of Combined Task Force 150 (CTF 150), engaged in anti-terrorist operations off the coast of Somalia, followed as Force Commander EU Naval Force ATALANTA, European Union counter-piracy operation off the coast of Somalia.

In 2014 Vice Admiral Bléjean was assigned as Deputy Chief of Navy in charge of International Engagements. During this tour and between June 2015 and March 2016, he also assumed as First Deputy Commander EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia.

In August 2016 Vice Admiral Bléjean joined the Joint Force Headquarters Naples as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations.

Since 1st July 2017, Vice Admiral Bléjean is the Deputy Commander at the Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM), Northwood, UK.

He is married with two daughters and a son. Besides enjoying his family life, Vice Admiral Bléjean practices mountain hiking and is fond of tribal art.