

Brigadier General (FR) Vincent de KYTSPOTTER
Head of the French Defense Mission to the United Nations



General Vincent de Kytspotter is an Armored Cavalry officer by trade, he was commissioned in 1988. He holds a PhD in Political Sciences, which deals with « *Intelligence in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations* ».

He followed a very classic military career alternating between operational posts in combat units as well as in strategic HQs in Paris. He carried out the first part of his operational career in the Armored Reconnaissance and Human Intelligence. He deployed mainly in former Yugoslavia throughout the 90s within UNPROFOR and SFOR, also in Africa. He eventually commanded the 1st Regiment of Cuirassiers from 2007 to 2009, mainly equipped with the Leclerc Main Battle Tank, at the head of which he deployed to Lebanon in 2008 where he commanded the *United Nations Rapid Reaction Force*.

After the *Ecole de Guerre*, he resolutely oriented the second part of his career towards strategic operation planning in Paris and military international relations abroad. He was posted twice at the *Strategic Planning and Current Joint Operations Center* and three times in the United States.

From 2009 to 2012, he served at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. where he was Deputy Defense Attaché « *Intelligence and Joint Operations* ».

He was previously posted in New York as military adviser to the French Ambassador to the United Nations Security Council between 2016 and 2019.

He is currently head of the French Defense Mission to the United Nations.

Brigadier Vincent de Kytspotter is married to Helene and live in Versailles. They are the happy parents of 4 grown-ups and Grand-Parents of 8 Grand-children with whom his main hobby is to play *French and Indian Wars* in Brittany where they spend their holidays.

General de Kytspotter has notably published a few articles in the French *National Defense Review* and he recently wrote a book in French on « *The Victory of Yorktown, 1781* » yet to be published in Paris.