

Captain Jean Nicolas GAUTHIER



Born 1961 in Toulon (France), Jean Nicolas Gauthier belongs to the Naval College (Ecole Navale) 1980 Crew.

On completion of his training cruise, he started his specialisation as helicopter pilot, and served from 1984 to 1996 in various appointments in Naval Aviation, flying around 3000 hours in WG 13 Sea Lynx, Dolphin, Panther and Alouette aircraft. He was regularly embarked on board almost all types of French carriers, including the FS DUPLEIX and the CVs FOCH and CLEMENCEAU. He took part to different operations and deployments in Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and the Far East. He commanded the 35F Squadron in Brittany from 1994 to 1996.

After attending the German Staff College in Hamburg, he was posted as Operations Officer in CVH JEANNE D'ARC, then selected as Commanding officer of LPD ORAGE from 2000 to 2002.

Serving in Naval Staff (Diplomacy) as head of the "Europe-North America" Section, he was promoted Captain in June 2003. He attended the Senior Course 105 at the NATO Defence College (NDC) in Rome, before his appointment from 2005 to 2009 as the French Naval Attaché in London.

He then joined the planning section (J5) at the Joint Staff in the MoD in Paris, in charge among other issues of the fight against maritime piracy in the Indian Ocean. He is appointed from Summer 2010 as the French Faculty Adviser at the NDC Rome.

Captain Gauthier is Officer of the Legion of Honour and of the National Order of Merit, and holds the Aviation Medal.

He is married to Rozenn, they have four children (born from 1987 to 1994) and are happy grand- parents since April 2012.

His interests include art, history, music and sport (marathon, rugby). All the family enjoys travelling, but also staying in the family house in Haute Savoie, enjoying the marvellous Alpine landscape.