

Curriculum Vitae: General Hans Jesper Helsø, Chief of Defence

General Hans Jesper Helsø was born on July 9th , 1948 in Copenhagen. He is married to Pernille Vibeke Helsø and has four children



The Chief of Defence, General (A) Hans Jesper Helsø

The Chief of Defence, General (A) Hans Jesper Helsø is the Minister of Defence military advisor. He is responsible for the Defence organisation, training and operations. The Chief of Defence is responsible for approximately 93 percent of the Defence budget. He gives certain directives to the Defence Intelligence Service, the Home Guard and the Defence Construction Service, and will in times of tension and war assume command over the Home Guard.

Promotions:

1969 Second Lieutenant

1971 First Lieutenant

1975 Captain

1981 Major

1986 Lieutenant Colonel
1990 Colonel
1995 Brigadier General
2001 Major General
2004 Lieutenant General

Medals and Decorations:

Danish:

Commander 1st Class of the Order of Dannebrog
Badge of Honour for Good Service in the Army
The Badge of Honour of the Danish Reserve Officer's Organization

International:

The 1st Class Order of the Cross of the Eagle
Grand Offi cier de l'Ordre National Mérite
Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander)
Medal for support to Latvia's membership in NATO
UN-medal, UNFICYP
UN-medal, UNPROFOR

Military Career:

1968 Enlisted (national service)
1969 Sergeant
1970 2nd Lieutenant
1974 1st Lieutenant
1979 Captain
1986 Major
1990 Lieutenant Colonel
1994 Colonel
1998 Major General

2000 Lieutenant General

2002 General

Assignments:

1974-78 Gun Position Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer,
Battery Commander at Kings Artillery

1979 Company Executive Officer, UNFICYP

1979-82 Staff Officer, Logistic Branch, LANDZEALAND

1983-87 Staff Officer, Procurement Branch, CHODDEN

1987-90 Staff Officer, NATO-office, Ministry of Defence

1990-92 Battalion Commander, 1st and 2nd. ARTY-Btn, Kings Artillery

1992-94 DCOS Plans and Policy, Army Operational Command

1994-96 Commanding Officer, Kings Artillery

1995 Commander Bihac Area, UNPROFOR

1996-98 Commanding Officer, 1st Zealand Brigade

1998-2000 Commander Army Operational Command

2000-2002 Deputy Chief of Defence Denmark

2002 Chief of Defence Denmark