



Brigadier General Manfred Gerhard Kreis
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Service

Panel B5

Digitization of land-based operations

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Brigadier General Manfred Gerhard Kreis was born in Heidelberg on the 9th of June 1956, is married and has four children.

He started off his military career on the 1st of July 1975 within 303 tank battalion in Heidenheim/aH. In regard of his officer's education he conducted the necessary military training and studied economics and organizational science on the University of the German Armed Forces in München, from which he graduated on the 31st of December 1979.

After several postings as platoon commander, company commander and the officers staff course, he attended the 30th advanced staff course on the German commander's academy in Hamburg. He later also attended the Portuguese advanced staff course in Lisbon and UN staff course in Hamburg.

These courses were followed by several postings as a staff officer within brigade and division headquarters, after which he took command of 143 tank battalion in Stadtallendorf. Brigadier General Kreis was subsequently assigned as G3 to the national commander within the third contingent SFOR in Bosnie-Herzegowina. After this operational assignment he became a teacher and tutor on the German commander's academy in Hamburg for four years, after which he was transferred to the MOD as branch head. From 2012 he was chief of the subdivision organization within the Joint Support Service headquarters and was therefore highly involved in the restructuring of the Joint Support Service.

Brigadier General Kreis was appointed chief of the planning division within the Joint Support Service headquarters on September 17th 2015.