



Ron Nulkes

Director NIDV (The Netherlands Industries for
Defence and Security)

Panel B7

**National Military Procurement – a major challenge
for any EU/NATO Nation**

Wednesday, 28th November 2018, 11:45 – 13:15h

As of February 1, 2014 Ron Nulkes (1957) is managing director of the Netherlands Industries for Defence and Security (NIDV)(the defence and security manufacturers association in The Netherlands).

Until 2014, Ron was Division Head Projects Procurement of the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) of the Netherlands ministry of Defence. With his team he was responsible for the procurement activities of the political sensitive and other complex projects of the Dutch services. He gained his experience with projects as Boxer, Patrol ships and Joint Support Ship, F35 and Chinook. He was deputy chairman of the DMO contractual committee. He raised in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands and started his military career in 1975 as an officer of the Koninklijke Marechaussee (Royal Military Police) with assignments as military police officer, immigration officer and in Amsterdam detached to the civilian police. He holds a university degree in law. He transformed in 1988 to the Royal Netherlands Airforce (RNLAf) and is a graduate of the RNLAf Officers School of 1989 and of the RNLAf majors course of 1992.

After several posts as, legal advisor to the Commander-in-Chief (CINC) RNLAf he was commissioned as a major in 1992. He assumed command of the motor transport squadron, Air Base Volkel and was deputy detachment commander First Fighter Wing, Villafranca, Italy (operation Deny Flight, 1994). That year he took up a position in the acquisition branch as legal advisor for the Director of Material RNLAf.

Ron Nulkes was from 1999 until 2002 the contracts manager for the F-16 Replacement Project, and in that position cooperated towards the Dutch decision to participate in the System Development and Demonstration Phase of the F-35. From 2002 to 2004 he held assignments in the policy branch of the CINC RNLAf as (deputy) head section general policy and head section international policy.

After an assignment as the nuclear desk officer in the staff of the Chief-of-Defence Staff, in 2006 he took up his last military position as Division Head Projects Procurement under promotion to Colonel.

He chaired the Contracts and Finance Subcommittee of the Multinational Fighter Program (MNFP, F16) and the legal working group of the Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) capability project. Amongst others, he was a member of the Finance and Contracts Subcommittee of the F35 programme.

From 1990 until 2010 Ron was a member of the city council of Noordwijkerhout and chaired several advisory commissions within to the police commander of the region Hollands Midden of the Dutch police.

Ron Nulkes is vice-chair of the supervisory board of housing association St. Antonius van Padua in Noordwijkerhout. He chairs the selection committee of the local liberal party (VVD) Noordwijk for the city council elections in November 2018. Also, currently, he plays the euphonium in the community band St. Jeanne d'Arc of Noordwijkerhout.

Ron is married with Lies; they have three daughters and four grandchildren.