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VADM A.J. de Waard was born in 1961. After completing naval officers' training at the Royal Naval College, he became an officer in 1985. He studied mechanical engineering at the University of Twente. Afterwards he served aboard HNLMS Jacob van Heemskerck and HNLMS Tromp as Deputy Marine Engineering Officer. In 1995 he was appointed project leader of a reorganisation project at the Rijkswerf. That project was also the subject of his dissertation, he obtained his PhD at the University of Twente in 1999. Throughout 1999 he served aboard HNLMS Van Nes as Marine Engineering Officer. After several staff functions he was appointed in 2008 as General Director of the Naval Maintenance and Services Agency and promoted to Commodore. In 2012 he was transferred to the Defence Staff to become Deputy Director Operational Readiness. De Waard was appointed Principal Director of Business Management in 2014 and promoted to Rear Admiral. In December 2015 he was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral and appointed as Director of the Defence Materiel Organisation. In his spare time, he is Chairman of the Board of the Foundation Sail Amsterdam.