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Bart van der Graaff is Director Operational Business Development at Thales Netherlands. With over 45 years experience in Integrated Air and Missile Defense, he acts as the operational soundboard for the Thales Group in support of numerous NATO, International and National Air and Ballistic Missile Defense Programs. Before working for Thales Netherlands, he served 38 years in the Royal Netherlands Air Force in many operational Hawk and Patriot Air Defense System related functions in Germany and the Netherland. Appointed as the Interoperability and Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Subject Matter Expert, he participated in several NATO and United States le “Out of Area” exercises in support of the RNLAf Missile Group. In 1995 he initiated, developed and organized the first edition of the multi-national IAMD exercise “Joint Project Optic Windmill”, an unique initiative which became the annual Air and Ballistic Missile Defense event in which he continued to act as the Project Officer till 2008. He also was part as principal engineer of NATO’s early efforts on Active Layered Theatre Ballistic Missile Defense and afterwards Territorial Ballistic Missile Defense. During his military career he received the United National Remembrance Medal, the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medal and US-Army Commendation Medal. He was rewarded with the Netherlands Armed Forces Medal of Merit in Silver and he also awarded the cross of the order of knighthood of Orange Nassau. Finally he was awarded with the David R Israel for Meritorious Achievement by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and US Missile Defense Agency. After his retirement in 2009, has started as a consultant on Integrated Air and Missile Defense and afterwards as business and capability manager for IAMD at Thales Nederland in which he support many programs and initiatives, like for example NATO’s Air and Missile Defense activities, the Naval and Fixed SMART-L Multi Mission Radar variants and the Ground Based S-Band Mortar Multi Mission Radar.