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General Eberhard Zorn
Chief of Defence, Federal Ministry
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Main Programme

Keynote Speech

Tuesday, 26th November 2019, 16:50 – 17:10 h

born in Saarbrücken on 19 February 1960, married

Military Career

- 01 July 1978 Entry into the Bundeswehr at the Artillery School, IDAR-OBERSTEIN
- 1979 – 1983 Artillery Officer Training and Course of Study in Economics and Organizational Sciences at the Bundeswehr University, HAMBURG
- 1983 – 1987 Assignments as Platoon Leader and Intelligence Officer (S 2), Observation Battalion 103, PFULLENDORF
- 1987 – 1990 Commander, 3rd Battery, Observation Battalion 123, TAUBERBISCHOFSCHEIM
- 1990 – 1991 Fire Control and Operations and Training Officer (S 3), Headquarters Artillery Regiment 12, TAUBERBISCHOFSCHEIM
- 1991 – 1993 Attendance of the 34th General Staff Officer Course at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, HAMBURG
- 1993 – 1995 French General Staff Officer Course (CSEM/CID), PARIS
- 1995 – 1997 Assignments at Airmobile Forces Command/4th Division, REGENSBURG as
 - Staff Officer for Logistics Support and Chief of Materiel Management Section
 - Deployment abroad as ACOS Logistics (G 4), German Army Contingent UNPF/GECONIFOR(L), 1st Contingent
 - Operations and Training Staff Officer (G 3) and Chief of Administrative Control Section
- 1997 – 1999 Operations and Personnel Staff Officer (G 1 Op), German Army Forces Command, KOBLENZ
- 1999 – 2001 Commander, Field Artillery/ Armoured Artillery Battalion 295, IMMENDINGEN; deployment abroad as Operations and Training Staff Officer (G 3), HQ Multinational Division South-East, MOSTAR, SFOR
- 2001 – 2002 Assistant Chief of Branch at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Personnel, Social Services and Central Affairs (PSZ IV 4) Directorate, BONN
- 2002 – 2004 Assistant Chief of Branch Personnel Directorate, PSZ I 4, BONN
- 2004 – 2005 Branch Chief Plans/Operations/Organization (G 3) Operations and Training Directorate, German Army Forces Command, KOBLENZ
- 2005 – 2007 ACOS Plans/Operations/Organization (G 3), German Army Forces Command, KOBLENZ

2007 – 2009 Branch Chief Army Staff I 1 (Personnel Policy Matters/Leadership Development and Civic Education), Federal Ministry of Defence, BONN

2009 – 2010 Chief of the Army Staff Branch Z (Central Tasks), Federal Ministry of Defence, BONN

2010 – 2012 Commander of Airborne Brigade 26 "Saarland", SAARLOUIS

2012 – 2014 Head of Office of the Chief of Defence, BERLIN

2014 – 2015 Commander, Rapid Response Forces Division (DSK), STADTALLENDORF

2015 – 2017 Director Forces Policy, Ministry of Defence, BERLIN

2017 – 2018 Director-General for Personnel, Ministry of Defence, BERLIN

since
19th April 2018 16th Chief of Defence, Ministry of Defence, BERLIN