LUXEMBOURG ARMED FORCES

GENERAL
CLAUDE ROBINET



DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

05 March 1976
Luxembourg City

In 1995, he passed the officer candidate selection exams and began his officer training at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels.

After being commissioned as a lieutenant in November 1999, he was appointed reconnaissance platoon commander. In 2002, he was deployed to Kosovo as commander of the Luxembourg KFOR (Kosovo Force) contingent.

In 2005, he was deployed to Afghanistan as part of the ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) mission. Upon his return, he successively held the positions of deputy company commander and company commander, responsible for preparing the company and the KFOR and ISAF contingents for operational readiness.

In 2007, captain Robinet shifted toward logistics to focus on material management, logistic support, and the digitalisation of logistical processes. From 2011 to 2012, as head of plans and projects for ISAF force protection at Kabul Airport, lieutenant-colonel Robinet contributed to improving the airport's security and to planning the transition of the security to local authorities.

From 2013 to 2017, he took command of the Logistics Services of the Luxembourg Armed Forces. Responsible for the restructuring, he led the reorganisation of the services and oversaw the commissioning of the new logistics facilities.

From 2018 to 2021, he was seconded to the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to NATO in Brussels as a Defence Counsellor. He represented Luxembourg in the Defence Policy and Planning Committee and the Cyber Defence Committee.

In 2021, he was appointed National Representative to the Belgian Defence. In this role, he oversaw Belgian-Luxembourg capability development, notably the binational A400M unit and the implementation of the Belgian-Luxembourg combat reconnaissance battalion. In 2023, he established the Transformation Department within the Armed Forces Staff to ensure capability synchronisation and conceptual development. From 2023 to 2026, he co-chaired the steering committees of the binational battalion.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of Defence, colonel Robinet served as the National Representative to the Belgian Defence and Head of the Transformation Department of the Luxembourg Armed Forces.

On 01 October 2026, he is appointed Chief of Defence and promoted to the rank of general.

General Robinet is married and the father of three children.

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General Robinet holds the following qualifications:

2018: National Defense University in Washington DC (USA) – Master of Science in National Resource Strategy
1999: Royal Military Academy in Brussels (BEL) – Master's degree in social and military sciences

Throughout his military career, General Robinet has furthered his education by completing the following training programmes:

2026: NATO Defense College in Rome (ITA) – Generals, Flag Officers and Ambassadors' Course
2025: Stanford University Graduate School of Business in Stanford (USA) – Growing companies, Executive program
2021: MIT in Cambridge (USA) – Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Business Strategy, Executive program
2007: Ecole d'état-major in Compiègne (FRA) – Staff officer course
2005: Infantry school in Arlon (BEL) – Company commander course
2000: Cavalry school in Leopoldsburg (BEL) – Platoon leader course

General Robinet holds the following decorations:

National:
- Knight of the Civil and Military Order of Adolphe of Nassau
- Commander of the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- Officer of the Order of the Oak Crown
- Medal of Recognition for mission abroad (with clasp)
- Cross for 25 Years of Service

International:
- Commander of the Order of Isabella the Catholic (ESP)
- Commemorative Medal for Foreign Missions or Operations (BEL)
- The Romanian Air Force Emblem of Honour (ROU)
- NATO Medal – Kosovo
- NATO Non-Article 5 Medal for Operations in Afghanistan – ISAF

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