

# Lieutenant General (OF-8) Bruno Baratz

## Commander, Land Forces Future Combat Command



Born on July 30, 1968, Lieutenant General Bruno Baratz entered the Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan military academy in 1989 ("Captain Hamacek" class) and was commissioned as an infantry officer.

Following the infantry basic officer course in 1993, he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Infantry Paratroopers Regiment (1<sup>st</sup> RPIMa) in Bayonne. The first part of his career was marked by special operations, particularly jungle combat. After being qualified as a special action stick leader (SAS), he successfully completed the jungle combat course in Manaus, Brazil. From 1996 to 1998, he was in charge of jungle training and safety for detachments of the 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Infantry Regiment in Cayenne, French Guiana.

Returning to Bayonne, he commanded the second company, specialising in jungle, mountain and demolition combat. Promoted to major in 2002, he was successively deputy director

of human resources for the 1<sup>st</sup> RPIMa, then student officer at the *Collège Interarmées de Défense* (CID). In 2005, he obtained a master's degree in international risk management from the *École des hautes études commerciales* (HEC) in Paris.

In the same year, he was appointed 1<sup>st</sup> RPIMa operations/training officer. In 2007, he left the Bayonne citadel for Paris, where he was assigned to the management division of the Armed Forces Staff, before becoming speechwriter of the Armed Forces Chief of Staff in 2009.

In 2010, he was appointed commanding officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> RPIMa. After his command time, he returned to South America and became Chief of Joint Staff of the armed forces in French Guiana. After attending the *Centre des Hautes Études Militaires* and the *Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale* (IHEDN) from 2014 to 2015, he became executive assistant to the Army Chief of Staff. He was appointed brigadier general on July 1, 2018, and commander of the French elements in Senegal the following month.

On August 1, 2020, he once again returned to the Army Special Forces, becoming their commanding general. He was promoted to major general on June 1, 2021.

On July 26, 2022, he took command of Operation Barkhane, transforming it into a partnership force deployed in the Sahel.

Promoted to Lieutenant General on August 1, 2023, he was appointed Land Forces Future Battle Command commanding general on the same day.

Lieutenant General Baratz is married and has five children.

He is a Commandeur of the *Légion d'Honneur* and of the *Ordre National du Mérite*.

He has been deployed on operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina (1995, 1998 and 2001), Afghanistan (2006 and 2012) and the Sahel (2011).