

Brigadier General Rodolphe Hardy

Army Future Combat Command Deputy Commander



Born on November 16, 1972 in Sedan (Ardennes), Brigadier General Rodolphe Hardy entered the Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan military academy in 1993 ("Maréchal Lannes" class) and was commissioned as an armoured cavalry officer.

Following the armoured cavalry basic officer course in Saumur, he joined the 4th *Régiment de Chasseurs* (cavalry regiment) in Gap (Hautes-Alpes). As platoon leader, he served in Kosovo.

Promoted to Captain in 2000, he was appointed to serve at the Versailles Army Information and Recruitment Center as deputy head of the center, with particular responsibility for officer recruitment in the western Île-de-France region.

In 2002, he took command of a squadron of the 4th *Régiment de Chasseurs* in Gap, where he served in Afghanistan and Ivory Coast. Promoted to squadron leader in 2006, he passed the competitive examination for higher military education and in 2007 obtained a specialized master's degree from the *École des Hautes Études de Commerce* (HEC) and the *École des Mines de Paris*, before attending the 15th graduating class of the *Collège Interarmées de Défense* (2007-2008).

He then joined the *Direction Générale de la Modernisation de l'État* (DGME) for 2 years. There, on behalf of the Ministry of Budget, he oversaw the implementation of State reform (RGPP) within the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the Home Affairs and the Budget. He also monitors the reform of the State's territorial administration.

Appointed in 2010 to head the training operations office at the 3rd *Régiment de Hussards* in Immendingen, Germany, he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in December 2010. He then served in the Balkans and Afghanistan.

In July 2012, he was entrusted with the initial training of a class of Saint-Cyr officer cadets at the Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Academy (Lieutenant Thomazo class). He was promoted to the rank of colonel in December 2013. Appointed by the French Army Chief of Staff, he took command of the 3rd *Régiment de Hussards* in Metz (Moselle) in 2015, and in September 2015 took command of UNIFIL's Force Commander Reserve as part of Operation Daman in Lebanon.

After two years in command of the 3rd *Régiment de Hussards*, he joined the Armed Forces General Staff in the summer of 2017, within the deputy head of performance staff. He will be head of the Land Forces Command programming office from 2019 to 2021, during the peak of the COVID19 epidemic. In his second year, he is also studying 3rd level military education at the *Institut des Hautes Études du Ministère de l'Intérieur* (IHEMI).

He joined the Land Command for the national territory in 2021, where he led the reserves division before being appointed Chief of Staff the following year. He took part in the creation of the Joint Staff for the French National Territory on July 1, 2023, then became its Chief of Staff.

Promoted to Brigadier General on October 1st, 2024, he was appointed Army Future Combat Command deputy commander on the same day.

Brigadier General Hardy is married and has five children.

He is an Officer of the *Légion d'Honneur* and of the *Ordre National du Mérite*.