

Session Three

Rear Admiral Didier Malterre Joint commander of the French Forces deployed in the Indian Ocean



Rear admiral Didier Maletterre joined the French Naval Academy in 1986.

He chose to first serve the submarine forces aboard the submarine *Vénus* and aboard the nuclear attack submarine *Emeraude*. He was part of the first crew of the SSBN *Le Triomphant* where he was responsible, for four years, for the development and operational qualification of the new onboard acoustic detection system. In 1998, he obtained his Atomic Engineering Diploma from the Military School for Atomic Energy (EAMEA) in Cherbourg. Immediately after the terrorist attacks, which struck the United States of America on 11 September 2001, he participated aboard the nuclear attack submarine *Rubis* at the *Heracles* mission in the Northern Indian Ocean in support of the *Charles de Gaulle* Carrier Group.

Between 1999 and 2010, he took command of the patrol ship *Sterne* as well as the nuclear attack submarine *Saphir* and the sub-surface ballistic nuclear (SSBN) *Le Triomphant*. He pursued his career ashore in the operational area, first as Head of the training division of the SSBN squadron and later, as the Operations Center's director for the French Submarine Force in Brest.

Within the Ministry of the Armed Forces, he served from 2012 as deputy Director for non-proliferation and export control in the General division for international relations and strategy (DGRIS).

On 2014, he joined the Prime Minister's Office at the General Secretariat for Defense and National Security (SGDSN) where he was in charge of preparing the Defense and National Security Councils, which took place every week at the Elysée by decision of the President of the Republic, following the terrorist attacks perpetrated on the national territory in July 2006.

He is promoted to Rear-Admiral on 1 September 2016.

Summer 2017, he joined the Naval Staff as the coordinating authority for International Relations.

On August 2018, Rear-Admiral Maletterre becomes the Joint Commander of the French Naval Forces deployed in the Indian Ocean and of the French Joint Forces stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

Rear-Admiral Didier Maletterre attended the eighth Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Command and Staff College in Great Britain (2004-2005) and was auditor in 2011 of the 61st session of the Center Higher Military Studies and the 64th session of the Institute of Higher National Defense Studies.