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France

Head of the French Defense Mission to the United Nations,
Brigadier General (FR) Vincent de Kytspotter

General Vincent de Kytspotter is an Armored Cavalry officer by trade, he was commissioned in 1988. He holds a PhD in Political Sciences, which dealt with «Intelligence in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations».

He followed a very classic military career alternating between operational posts in combat units as well as in strategic HQs in Paris. He carried out the first part of his operational career in the Armored Reconnaissance and Human Intelligence. He deployed mainly in former Yugoslavia throughout the 90s within UNPROFOR and SFOR, also in Africa. He eventually commanded the 1st Regiment of Cuirassiers from 2007 to 2009, mainly equipped with the Leclerc Main Battle Tank, at the head of which he deployed to Lebanon in 2008 where he commanded the UNIFIL Rapid Reaction Force.

At the time of the Ecole de Guerre (2003), he resolutely oriented the second part of his career towards military international relations by following a one-year international course at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP). After being assigned to the Joint Operations Center as Head of Afghanistan Desk, he joined the French Embassy in the United States where he served as Deputy Defense Attaché «Intelligence and Joint Operations» from 2009 to 2012.

Back to the Joint Staff in Paris, he then headed the United Nations Office. He was naturally appointed as Military Advisor to the French Permanent Representation to the United Nations from 2016 to 2019. Assigned again to the Joint Operations Center as Chief of staff for three years, he came back to the French Permanent Mission as Head of the Defense Mission.

General de Kytspotter has notably published a few articles in the French National Defense Review and he recently wrote a book on «The Battle of Yorktown, 1781» for the bicentennial US farewell tour of General de La Fayette.