

Gaston Reinig was born on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Diekirch, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg. After high school graduation in mathematic sciences, he volunteered as an army career officer in Luxembourg armed forces.

He entered the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, Belgium in 1976 as a postgraduate candidate. After graduation in social and military sciences in 1980, he finished his basic military studies in the Infantry School in Montpellier, France from 1981 to 1982.

Assigned to the Military Training Centre in Diekirch, Luxembourg, unique operational base of the armed forces, he went from 1982 till 1998 through the assignments of basic training platoon leader, infantry platoon leader, infantry company commander, reconnaissance, anti-tank & support company commander, officer in charge of human resources and material resources, and deputy commander of the operational base.

From 1984 to 1987, he also assumed command of the Luxembourg contingent – a reinforced reconnaissance & anti-tank company - assigned to the quick reaction force of NATO's Allied Mobile Force Land, a brigade sized multinational unit created with the aim of projecting a deterrent capability at short notice in order to prevent any form of intimidation, coercion or aggression against the allied countries along the northern and southern flanks of NATO.

From 1992 to 1995, he additionally represented Luxembourg in the finance, logistics and administrative committees of the board of directors of NATO's Maintenance and Supply Organization, integrated logistics and services provider agency located in the Grand-Duchy. Moreover, he was member of the core group of the NATO's National Directors on Codification, committee under the authority of the Conference of National Armaments Directors with the aim to improve effectiveness and efficiency of logistics systems.

During Luxembourg's presidency of the European Union in 1997, he deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina and assumed the function of Head of Command, Control and Communications Division in the headquarters of the European Community Monitoring Mission in Sarajevo, mission initiated to monitor borders, inter-ethnic relations, movement of refugees and political and security developments all over the former Yugoslavia.

In July, 1998, he took over the function of Luxembourg's Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee, and in March, 2000, in addition the functions of Military Delegate to the Permanent Council of WEU and Military Representative to the Military Committee of EU.

In January, 2002, he took command of the Military Center of Diekirch, the operational center of Luxembourg armed forces.

During all those years, his education was completed by mainly the following courses : 1983, Forward Air Controller and Air Liaison Officer course, Fürstenfeldbrück, Germany; 1984, Company commander course in the Infantry School, Arlon, Belgium; 1987, staff course in the Staff College, Compiègne, France; 1991-1992, general staff course in the General Staff College, Paris, France; 1997, "Institut of National Defence Studies", Strasbourg, France and finally 2007, Senior Executives in National and International Security, John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, US.

In January, 2008, he was designated by the Council of Ministers to become the Chief of Defense. In March, he was promoted general. During this tour of duty, he assumed the deanship of the NATO Military Committee in Chief of Staff session starting October 2011 till October 2012.

In February 2013, he was assigned to the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs to take over the function of military adviser to the permanent mission of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York, Luxembourg having been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. In March, 2015, he took over the function of military adviser to the permanent representation of Luxembourg to the Political and Security Committee of the EU during Luxembourg's presidency of the EU Council. As such, he assumed the chairmanship of the Special Committee Athena, responsible for all financial matters in relation with the EU military operations..

In June 2016, he volunteered to take over two advisory functions as an independent consultant, strategic adviser to the CEO of LuxGovSat S.A., a private-public venture between the Luxembourg Government and the global satellite operator SES and adviser to the Vice-President, Strategy and Corporate Development of Cargolux S.A.

He is married to Anne-Marie and is father of Adeline, Laurent and Emile.

He fluently speaks and writes Luxemburgish, German, French and English languages and knows Netherlands language. He likes music, military history, mountain trekking, biking and swimming.