

## Official biography



### Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Commander NATO CIS Group and DCOS CIS and Cyber Defence Major General Thomas Franz

Major General Thomas Franz was born on 14 July 1953 in Plochingen/Württemberg, Germany, and joined the German Air Force in 1974. He completed his officer training and studies of economics and organisation science and graduated at the Bundeswehr University in Hamburg. Following the communication officer training, he gained experience as a platoon commander and company commander in various CIS assignments.

After training as an analyst and programmer, he was appointed section chief in a multinational programming centre. From 1988 to 1990 he took part in the German Air Force General Staff Officers' Course (33<sup>rd</sup>), followed by assignments as a Planning Staff Officer at the Armed Forces Staff College and Assistant Chief of Staff A6 of an Air Force Division.

Posted to the Ministry of Defence in 1993, he worked in the Armed Forces Staff (Plans and Concepts) and as the personal assistant to the Deputy Chief of Defence of the German Armed Forces.

Assignments as Deputy Commander and Director Training of an Air Force Technical School in 1998 and Commander of the NATO Programming Centre in 2000 followed. From 2002 to 2004 he became responsible for establishing the Concepts Division of the IT Office in the Bundeswehr.

He returned to the MOD, Armed Forces Staff, first as a Branch Chief Plans and Budget for the Joint Support Service and later as Deputy Chief of the Armed Forces Planning Division.

In February 2008 he became head of the CIS Division in the Joint Support Command, responsible for the Armed Forces CIS with focus on operations and was promoted to Brigadier General in September 2008.

Upon appointment as the Commander of the NATO CIS Group on 29 June 2012, he was promoted to Major General.

On 20 August 2012 he took over in addition the responsibility as DCOS CCD.

Major General Franz is married to Dagmar Euen-Franz and has two daughters.

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