

BIOGRAPHY
ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHE PRAZUCK
(CEMM 2016-2020)



Admiral Christophe Prazuck was born on 11 October 1960 in Oran, Algeria, and entered the Ecole Navale in September 1979.

On leaving Fleet Training onboard the FS JEANNE D'ARC, he served in the Indian Ocean from 1982-1984 onboard the patrol ship FS ALTAIR, the amphibious ship FS CHAMPLAIN based out of Réunion and finally as Executive Officer of the patrol ship FS EPEE based out of Mayotte

From 1984-1989 he served in the Submarine Flotilla on FS OUESSANT, then on FS DORIS as the Operations officer before taking the role of Armaments officer at the Commission for the study of submarine operations.

He obtained a PhD in Physical Oceanography at the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, from 1989-1991 before putting his expertise to use leading the Navy environment cell in Toulouse from 1991-1994.

In 1994 he was Executive Officer of the command ship FS VAR, at the time the Flagship for the Flag Officer Indian Ocean (ALINDIEN), and subsequently took command of the FS CHAMPLAIN in 1995 before attending the Joint Defence College for Staff Course.

Returning to sea in 1997, he was as the Operations Officer on the Anti Submarine frigate FS TOURVILLE before taking command of the frigate FLOREAL, based in Réunion, in 1999.

He joined the Marine Nationale's communications office (SIRPA Marine) as deputy in 2000 before moving to be the director for 3 years from 2001. In 2004 he took charge of the media department of the defence communications office (DICO) then, in 2006 was appointed as the communications advisor to the French Chief of the Defence Staff (CEMA).

Promoted Rear admiral (2*) in August 2009, a year later he was appointed as Flag Officer Commandos (ALFUSCO), based in Lorient. He was promoted Vice-admiral (4*) on the 1st September 2012 upon taking the post of Director of Navy Military Personnel (DPMM).

On 13 July 2016, he was promoted Admiral and became Chief of the French Navy. He stepped down from his duties on 31st September 2020.

Admiral Christophe Prazuck is a Commander of the Legion of Honour, a Knight of the Order of Merit and an Officer of the Maritime Order of Merit.

He is married to Micheline, with whom he has four children.