

General Pierre SCHILL

Chief of the French Army



General Pierre Schill was born on 10th September 1967 in Chalons sur Marne. After graduating from the Saint-Cyr Military Academy (Class *Lieutenant Tom Morel* – 1987-1990) he chose Marine Infantry. Following his training as platoon leader in Montpellier, he was posted to the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment in Vannes. He was successively deployed on Operations *Epervier* in Chad, *Oryx* in Somalia and to former Yugoslavia, in Sarajevo. Promoted to Captain in 1994, he was designated to serve at the Marine Infantry Regiment of the Pacific in French Polynesia as executive officer. In 1996, he was appointed to Le Mans to command the 2nd combat company, called “the billy goats” of the 2nd Marine Infantry Regiment. He was then deployed to Albania and to the Central African Republic.

In August 1999, he was posted to the Saint-Cyr Military Academy as Adjutant, to lead the Second-Lieutenants of the *France Combattante*, *Raffali* and *Bicentenaire de Saint-Cyr* classes (1999-2002).

After successfully taking the competitive examination of the General Staff Course, he attended its 116th class then joined the 11th class of the Joint Staff Course (the current War College). After graduating in 2004, Lieutenant-Colonel Schill was appointed again in Vannes to the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment, as S3. In 2004, he was deployed to the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire in the framework of Operation *Licorne* as S3 of combined arms task force N°2 in Man.

In 2006, he was posted to the “Plans, programmes assessment” division of the Joint Staff as staff officer. During three years he took part in the preparation of the hearings of the Chief of Defence in Parliament. In 2008 he worked on the application of the general review of public policies in the Armed Forces in the framework of the drafting of the White Paper on Defence and National Security. He then participated in the elaboration of the 2009-2014 Military Programming Act during the full application of the organic law on financial bills within the Ministry of Defence.

In 2009, he was designated to command the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment. As commanding officer, he was among others deployed to Senegal in 2011 in the framework of an allied amphibious manoeuvre.

After his command phase, colonel Schill was an auditor at the Higher Command and Staff Course (61st class) and at the Institute of Higher Defence Studies (64th class). Deputy to the Chief of the President of the Republic’s Private Staff from the summer 2012, he was more particularly in charge of military operations, of the military programming and of the defence budget.

Promoted to Brigadier General in 2017, he assumed command of the 9th Marine Infantry Brigade whose headquarters are located in Poitiers.

In 2019, he was appointed as head of Force Employment at the Joint Staff.

On 22nd July 2021, he was promoted to General and appointed Chief of Army.

General Pierre Schill is *officier* of the *Légion d’honneur*, *commandeur* of the *ordre national du Mérite* and has been awarded the *croix de la valeur militaire* (military cross) with two battle honours.

He is married and has three children.