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MAJOR GENERAL HENNING-A FRANTZEN

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Major General Henning-A Frantzen joined the Army in 1987 and was commissioned into the Norwegian Army Medical Corps in 1988, having completed junior leadership education. He graduated from the Norwegian Military Academy in 1992, and served as Lieutenant and Platoon leader for Medical Evacuation Plt. in the Army Brigade in Northern Norway, and in the Norwegian Medical Company, Bosnia and Hercegovina Command, UNPROFOR, in 1993-94.



He served in various posts as a member of the teaching staff of the Norwegian Military Academy, while working on his PhD, before he joined first the Department for Long Term Planning in the Ministry of Defence in 2003, then as Military Assistant to the Chief of Defence in the MoD 2005- 2008. In 2008 he served in Afghanistan for the Norwegian Intelligence Service, before he was appointed Battalion Commander for the Medical Battalion, Brigade North, in 2009. During this period, the battalion continuously recruited, trained and deployed medical companies and units to ISAF, supporting the PRT in Meymaneh, RC North. In 2011 he was appointed Head of Department for Military Theory and Doctrine, at the Royal Norwegian Defence University College and promoted to colonel.

Promoted to Brigadier in 2014, he joined the Ministry of Defence, Department for Competence and Legal Services, as Deputy Head of Department.

From November 1 2018, he served as Deputy Head of the Department for Security Policy and Operations in the Ministry of Defence.

Promoted to Major General in 2019, he became Commandant and Principal of the Royal Norwegian Defence University College in Oslo, responsible for officer education programmes and NCO education as well as research and development, in the armed forces.

In 2021 he was appointed Head of Department for Defence Policy and Long Term Planning in the Ministry of Defence, where he currently serves.

Major General Frantzen completed his Master of Arts in War Studies in 1997 and his PhD in 2003, both within the Department of War Studies, King's College London. His PhD dissertation entitled *NATO and Peace support Operations: Policies and Doctrines* was published in 2005 in the United Kingdom by Frank Cass.

His interests include sports, skiing and hiking. In 2012 he conducted a four week unsupported roundtrip of Spitsbergen, Svalbard.

He is married to Hilde, and they have two daughters.