



## 1 German-Netherlands Corps

Germany - Münster

Major General

**Wilfred S Rietdijk MMS**

Deputy Commanding General 1 GNC



As a native of Europe's largest harbor city Rotterdam, MG Wilfred Simon Rietdijk graduated from the Royal Military Academy in Breda in August 1988 and was commissioned in the Royal Artillery.

After fulfilling several artillery command positions in Germany and the Netherlands, he was selected for the Netherlands Advanced Command and Staff College in 1997. After graduating, he served as both Logistic (G4) and Operations Officer (G3) at 41 Mechanized Brigade in Seedorf, Germany. He then was selected to join the German Advanced and Staff College, *die Führungsakademie*, in Hamburg.

Back in Holland, MG Rietdijk continued his carrier as tutor of the national masterclass at the National Defense Academy, commander of 14 Artillery Battalion and Deputy Chief Operations of the Joint Operational Staff in The Hague. In 2010 he joined the International Fellows Program at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, where he was elected the International Fellows President.

After serving a four-year commanders term as Commandant Land Training Centre, MG Rietdijk joined the Policy Directorate at the Ministry of Defense in October 2014 as strategic advisor national security to the Minister of Defense. In June 2017 he was promoted to Brigadier General and became acting Director of Information and Administration.

In October 2020 he was promoted to Major General, and became the Director of Business Operations at the NLMoD, coordinating the COVID-19 efforts of the Ministry. After 4 years, the honorable task of organizing the NATO-Summit 2025 became his primary and current responsibility.

Since August, he has been appointed as the Deputy Commander of 1 German-Netherlands Corps in Münster.

During his 40-year carrier MG Rietdijk obtained a master degree in Strategic Studies and has served in several missions in Africa. During his last mission he commanded the Dutch Provincial Reconstruction Team in the ISAF mission in South Afghanistan, a function SG NATO rewarded him with the NATO Meritorious Service medal for. MG Rietdijk is a regular speaker on a wide variety of topics, including counterinsurgency, national security and hybrid warfare.

He and his partner Machteld have 5 children, happily residing in Valkenburg –Katwijk. In his spare time, he enjoys hobbies like skiing, travelling, sailing, volleyball and reading.