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Curriculum Vitae

Brigadier General Frank Grandia

Commander of 11 Air Assault Brigade

Frank Grandia was born on September 23, 1973 in Utrecht. His military career began in 1992 as a conscripted non-commissioned officer. After his military service, he completed officer training at the Officer Training Center in 1996. He subsequently became a platoon commander with 160 Heavy Transport Company, followed by a posting as a platoon commander with 43 Supply Company. During this period he completes three missions; to Bosnia (SFOR-2, 1997), Kosovo (KFOR-1, 1999) and again to Bosnia (SFOR-9, 2001).

Back from Bosnia, he is promoted to captain and is posted as commander of a supply platoon at 41 Light Brigade in Germany. At the beginning of 2003 he became Staff Officer of Movements at 11 Air Assault Brigade. During this deployment he obtained his red beret and completed two missions to Iraq (SFIR-5, 2005) and Afghanistan (TFU-1, 2006). Back from Afghanistan, he was posted as deputy commander of 11 Supply Company 'Air Assault', of which he was in command for almost the entire period.

In 2008 he became head of Section 4 of 12 Infantry Battalion "Air Assault", while simultaneously being promoted to major. He goes to Afghanistan again with this unit (ISAF, BG-8, 2009). This will be followed by a placement at the Operations Education and Training Center, where he teaches, among other things, tactical decision-making and air maneuver operations at the Army majors training course.

In 2013 he completed the Higher Defense Training at the Defense Course Institute and was again posted to 11 Air Assault Brigade. As a special staff officer for the brigade commander, he develops, among other things, the Air Maneuver Tactics Manual, which was adopted in 2014 and published as a doctrine publication.

Meanwhile, promoted to lieutenant colonel, he was posted in 2015 as Staff Officer for Integrated Plans & Coordination at the Plans Directorate of the Defense Staff, where he is mainly concerned with the development of intensification plans and associated measures, arising from the 'Van der Staaij' and 'Van der Staaij' motions. the Defense Memorandum 2018.

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In mid-2018 he will be seconded at colonel level to the Ministry of Justice & Security. He is appointed as MT member and Unit Head of Operations of the National Cyber Security Center at the National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security, where he is responsible for the daily protection of the Dutch digital, vital infrastructure. During this period he also completed the Interdepartmental Management Course at the Dutch School for Public Administration.

In April 2021, he will be posted as Director of Staff and Head of the Integration Department of the Army Staff, where he will be responsible, among other things, for the integral development of decisions and staff products for and on behalf of the administrative leadership of the Army. During this period he also completed the Top Defense Training.

On January 18, 2024, he was appointed Commander of 11 Air Assault Brigade, with simultaneous promotion to Brigadier General.

Frank Grandia lives with his wife Lotte in Rumpt and has three sons: Niek (2009), Dex (2016) and Eden (2018).