

BRIGADIER OLIVIER TRAMOND
COMMANDER, FRENCH ARMED FORCES OF NEW CALEDONIA

Brigadier Olivier Tramond was born in Aix-en-Provence on the 1st of June 1957. He is married to Odile and they have five children.

In 1977, on completion of his secondary education at the *Prytanée Nationale Militaire de La Flèche*, Brigadier Tramond entered the Coetquidan Military Academy as a Saint-Cyr Cadet. He graduated in 1979 and chose the Marines, Specialty Infantry Airborne Troops.



Brigadier Tramond has held several command appointments within the Marine Infantry Airborne Battalions (2nd, 3rd and 6th *Régiments Parachutistes d'Infanterie de Marine*). He has been posted several times in French Overseas Departments and Territories (La Réunion Island in 1981, French Guyana in 1983-1985, New Caledonia in 1987, etc.) and participated in many external operations: Lebanon, Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo in 1995 and Mostar in 2001), etc.

As a Major, Olivier Tramond was posted to the Defence Inspectorate (Army) from 1989 to 1991. He then entered the French War College (*Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, 105^e Promotion*). On graduation, in 1993, he joined for two years the Secretariat General for National Defence (one of the main secretariats of the Prime Minister) as head of the Central Africa Section of the Strategic Documentation and Assessment Department. He holds diplomas of the (French) Center of Higher Studies on Modern Africa and Asia and the (French) Center of Diplomatic and Strategic Studies, as well as the 3rd Degree in Military Intelligence.

Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1994 and Colonel in 1998, Olivier Tramond has been Operations and Training Officer of the 3rd Marine Infantry Airborne Battalion from 1995 to 1997. He commanded this Battalion from 2000 to 2002, as well as the French Tactical Task Group in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2001.

From 2002 to 2004, Brigadier Tramond was the head of the Prospective and Studies Cell of the Army Staff. In 2004 and 2005, he attended the Centre for Higher Military Studies (*CHEM, 54^e Session*) and the Institute for Higher Defence Studies (*IHEDN, 57^e Session*).

From 2005 to 2007, Brigadier Tramond was Deputy Military Assistant to Mrs Michèle Alliot-Marie, Minister of Defence. He was particularly in charge of the liaison with the Army, the employment of forces, the fight against terrorism and the issues of defence in the French Overseas Departments and Territories.

In July 2007, when promoted to Brigadier, Olivier Tramond was posted again to the Secretariat General for National Defence, as Deputy Director Security Planning and Prospective of the Department of State Protection and Security. He was especially responsible for the government warning and the planning and preparation to face up to major crises. He participated in the drafting of the 2008 Defence and Security White Paper.

Brigadier Olivier Tramond took command of the French Armed Forces of New Caledonia on the 1st of August 2009.

Brigadier Olivier Tramond is Officer of the *Légion d'Honneur* and Commander of the *Ordre National du Mérite*. He has been awarded the *Croix de la Valeur Militaire* with three citations.