



## Brigadier General Stefan Geilen



Brigadier General Stefan Geilen was born in Olsberg, Germany, on 17 January 1962. In 1981, he entered the military service as an officer candidate with Infantry Battalion 471, in Bexbach. He studied Economics and Organizational Sciences at the Hamburg Bundeswehr University. From 1986 to 1991, he served as Platoon Leader and Company Commander with Infantry Battalion 67 in Breitenburg. Subsequently, he was assigned as Chief Instructor of Ranger and Survival courses to the German Army Airborne and Air Transport School in Altenstadt. From 1994 to 1996, he attended the General Staff Officer Course at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg. From 1996, Brigadier General Geilen was G4 Staff Officer at Airborne Brigade 26 in Saarlouis. In 1997 he was deployed to Bosnia as a G3 Ops Staff Officer with the German SFOR contingent. During the Military Evacuation Operation in Albania he was Chief TOC of Task Force "Libelle". In 1998, he was assigned to the (German/Netherlands) Corps as a Staff Officer within G3 Ops. Then in 2000 he became a Staff Officer with the Ministry of Defense in Berlin. From 2002 to 2004 Brigadier General Geilen served as Commander, Infantry Battalion 353, in Hammelburg. This was followed by an assignment to the G3 Development Group at the Infantry School. Subsequently, he became Chief of Section with the Cologne-based Army Office. In 2006, he returned to the (German/Netherlands) Corps as ACOS G5 Plans and Policy. During this period, NRF 10 planning was initiated under his auspices. In 2009, he was assigned as Branch Chief to the Armed Forces Office, in Bonn. From 2010 to 2013, Brigadier General Geilen assumed the functions of Chief of Staff with the Specialized Operations Division (DSO). During this tour of duty, he was employed as Deputy Commander of TF PEGASUS, MilEvac Ops (Libya) in 2011. In 2013, Brigadier General Geilen was assigned to the Bonn-based Planning Branch, Ministry of Defense where he served as Section Chief. From 2014 to 2016, he commanded the Airborne Brigade 26 (which later became Airborne Brigade 1) in Saarlouis. From August 2016 until March 2017, he served as Acting Chief of Staff, (German/Netherlands) Corps. In July 2017, he was assigned to Eurocorps as DCOS I&A. Brigadier General Geilen is married with 2 sons.

