



General Othmar Commenda - Chief of Defence Staff

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- Position Held: Chief of Defence Staff (Austrian Armed Forces)
- Date of birth: 29. 05. 1954
- Place of birth: Wels (Upper Austria)
- Marital status: Married, with 2 children

Military Career Highlights

- July 2013: Chief of Defence Staff
- 2008 - 2013: Deputy Chief of Defence Staff
- 2004 - 2008: Director-General of the Austrian Armed Forces Reform 2010
- 2003 - 2004: Director-General of the Austrian Armed Forces Reform Commission
- 2001 - 2002: Chief of Cabinet of the Federal Minister of Defence
- 2000 - 2001: Deputy Head of the Military Policy Division in the General Staff
- 1996 - 2000: Course Director 15th Joint Command and General Staff Course
- 1993 - 1995: Chief of Staff 3rd Mechanised Infantry Brigade
- 1993: Senior Instructor Tactics at National Defence Academy
- 1992: Bataillon Commander Army Reconnaissance Bataillon
- 1988 - 1991: Senior Instructor Tactics at National Defence Academy
- 1982 - 1985: Company Commander Tank Bataillon
- 1979 - 1982: Platoon Leader Tank Platoon

Specialised Education and Courses

- 2007: Strategic Leadership Course/Austria
- 2000: Higher Command and Staff Course/German Armed Forces Command and Staff College/Germany

- 1999: Operational Leadership Seminar ACLANT/Norfolk USA
- 1999: Course for Computer Animated Exercises, NATO PfP/Netherlands
- 1999: Cooperative Guard 99, NATO PfP/Czech Republic
- 1995 - 1996: United States War College/Carlisle USA
- 1986 - 1987: University of Economics/Vienna
- 1985 - 1988: 11th Joint Command and General Staff Course/Vienna
- 1976 - 1979: Officers' Training at Theresian Military Academy/Wiener Neustadt

Promotions, Distinctions and Hobbies

Promotions:

- 2013: General
- 2007: Lieutenant General
- 2002: Major General
- 2001: Brigadier General
- 1994: Colonel (General Staff)

Distinctions:

- Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria
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Hobbies:

- Sports
- Reading
- Model construction