



## *Major General (DEU) Richard Rossmanith*

### *Chief of Staff*

### *Deployable Joint Staff Element 1*

Major General Richard Rossmanith was born on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1955, and spent his youth in Bavaria. In July 1973 he joined the Bundeswehr, Light Infantry Battalion 561. In 1977 he graduated from the Bundeswehr University in Munich with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

From 1977 to 1981 he served as Platoon Commander in Light Infantry Battalion 112, Regen, before becoming Company Commander in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Company of Mechanized Infantry Battalion 112, also stationed in Regen, from 1981 to 1985.

Between 1985 and 1987 he attended the German Command and General Staff Officer Course in Hamburg. After that he was appointed to his first NATO position as Desk Officer for Politico-Military Affairs to the German Military Representative to the Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1989 he became the G3 of Armoured Brigade 6 in Hofgeismar, Germany, and in 1990 he was sent to Erfurt to serve as Chief of Staff of 4<sup>th</sup> Motorized Rifle Division (former National Peoples Army).

In April 1991 he was assigned to his second NATO position as Branch Chief in Headquarters BALTAP, Karup, Denmark, and served there until 1993. Returning to Germany he was next posted to the Ministry of Defence, initially as Desk Officer in the Armed Forces Staff (Bundeswehr Operations), before becoming Deputy Branch Chief (Policy) and G3.

From June 1995 to March 1997 he commanded Mechanized Infantry Battalion 212 in Augustdorf, Germany, followed by a deployment to SFOR, where he became the G3 of the German National Contingent in Rajlovac, Bosnia, in April 1997. From late 1997 to 1999 he served as G3 of 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division in Düsseldorf.

In October 1999 he was appointed as Head of the Army Development Working Group at the Army Staff in Bonn. In November 2000 he became the Chief of the Concept, Plans and Organization Branch at the MOD's Policy Planning and Advisory Staff in Berlin.

Between May 2003 and April 2005 he commanded 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade in Munster. That included another deployment to Kosovo as Commander of KFOR Multinational Brigade Southwest in Prizren.

From May 2005 to May 2006 he served as Deputy Director of the Policy Planning and Advisory Staff at the MOD in Berlin, before being sent on his third NATO position as Chairman of the Deployable Forces Coordination Group at SHAPE in Mons, Belgium, from May 2006 to October 2009. After that, in November 2009, Major General Rossmanith was appointed Chief of Staff of Deployable Joint Staff Element 1 at Allied Force Command Heidelberg, Germany, his fourth NATO assignment.

In September 2010, Major General Rossmanith deployed to HQ ISAF, Afghanistan, where he served for 16 months as Deputy Chief of Staff, Stability. After his redeployment in January 2012 he resumed his tasks as Chief of Staff at Allied Force Command Heidelberg, with his main responsibility being the transition of land competency and expertise to the planned NATO Land Command in Izmir.

Major General Rossmanith is married to Theresia and they have two daughters, Martina and Johanna.

