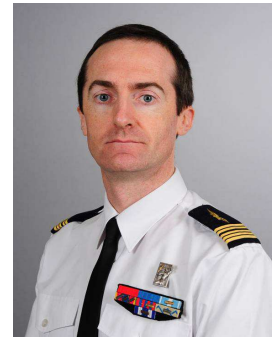


## **Colonel Hervé LAHILLE**

### **French Air Force**



Born on 4 August 1970 in Avignon (France), Colonel Hervé Lahille joined the Air Force Academy in 1990.

He graduated in 1993 and joined the Fighter Pilot Training School in Tours. After earning his fighter pilot wings, he was appointed to the “Cigognes” Squadron at Dijon AB, as Air Defence Mirage 2000 pilot from 1994 to 1999. He contributed to Operation Southern Watch in 1996, flying 25 missions over the Iraqi theatre. In 1999, he was posted to Orange AB as Flight Commander of Squadron “Île-de-France”, serving as Mirage 2000 instructor.

From 2001 to 2004, he was assigned to the French Air Force Headquarters Operational Center in Paris, before moving to Naples, where he took post at the Airsouth NATO headquarters, with the TAC-EVAL division.

In 2005, he attended the Italian Staff College (ISSMI) in Rome and graduated with a Master's degree in Strategic international studies (Universities of Rome and Milan).

On returning to Orange AB in 2006, he was appointed Deputy Commander then Commander of Squadron “Île-de-France” (2008), flying again as Mirage 2000 instructor. Over this period, he took part in many international exchanges, especially with Egypt, Brazil and China; he was also sent on detachment in Afghanistan to serve as French liaison officer of the CJOC for Operation ISAF.

Back in Paris in 2009 at the Air Defence and Air Operations Command Headquarters, Colonel Lahille first assumed command of the Air Policing Section, and was later (2010) Branch Chief for Extended Air Defence and Cooperation. He was charged with the deployment of Temporary Air Defence Systems for High Profile Events, the development and enforcement of Air Defence bilateral agreements and the French Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) rising capability. He is promoted to Colonel on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

From August 2011 to February 2012, he attended the 119<sup>th</sup> Senior Course of the NATO Defence College, in Rome.

In 2013, he was assigned at the French Air Force Inspectorate, first as deputy head of the “Employment Division”, then (2014) as vice-president of the Air Security Permanent Council.

On the following year, he attended the Italian Defence University (IASD) in Rome, graduating with a Master 2 (University of Rome) on Global Strategy and Security.

From 2016 to 2018, he was appointed to the Joint Concept and Doctrine Centre in Paris. He was in charge of doctrine development, *inter alia* focusing on Operational employment of Unmanned Aerial Systems, Ground-based Air Defence and Integrated Air & Missile Defence, Counter-UAS, and Personnel Recovery.

Colonel Hervé Lahille has accrued more than 2800 flying hours. He has been awarded the Legion of Honor, the National Order of Merit, and the Air Medal rewarding Aeronautical services.

He is married with Christelle, a medical officer, and father of two girls, aged 8 and 6.