

GENERAL HARALD SUNDE

Chief of Defence (CHOD) Norway.



General Harald Sunde was examined as best student from Army Cavalry Junior Officer School in 1974.

He then served as Troop commander in the Recce Squadron in Brigade North in Northern Norway and as an instructor at the Army Cavalry Junior Officer School until 1976.

After studies at the Norwegian Army Academy he was examined in 1979 and served at the Cavalry training command.

Sunde was promoted Captain in 1983 and commenced his service in the Army Special Operations Forces (SOF) as an operation officer before coming XO and CO of the Recce Squadron in Brigade North.

In Sunde 1986 studied at the Army Staff College. He became Major and studied at Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr from 1987 to 1989 before returning to the Army Staff College as an instructor. In 1992 Sunde was promoted LtCol and was appointed Commander Army Special Operation Forces. He held this position until 1996 when he became Chief Of Staff in the Nordic-Polish Brigade in IFOR/Bosnia-Hercegovina. Returning to Norway was promoted to Colonel and appointed Commander of Armoured Brigade, Southern-Norway. He left this position in 1998 to study and graduated from US Army War College in summer 1999.

As Chief of Plan section/Department of Operations/ Joint Forces Staff Sunde's work included plans and preparations of deployment of Norwegian military forces into international operations. Finalising this in 2000 he became Brigadier and Inspector of the Cavalry until summer of 2002 when he moved abroad to Joint Force Command Brunssum as Assistant Chief Of Staff for Operational planning. Already in 2003 Sunde returned home, was promoted Major General and appointed Commander Land forces at National Joint Headquarters in Stavanger.

Sunde was appointed Chief of Department of Operations and Emergency Planning in Ministry Of Defence in 2005. This work included a substantial focus on operations in Afghanistan which was very valuable knowledge when he became Norway's representative to the NATO's Military Committee and promoted Lieutenant General in 2006. Sunde returned to Stavanger early 2009 and became Commander National Joint Headquarters in Stavanger.

Harald Sunde was appointed Chief of Defence and promoted to General on October 1st 2009.

Harald Sunde is married to Sølvi and has two children.