

BIOGRAPHY

General (rtd) Bernard MOLARD

General (rtd) Bernard MOLARD is the Security and Defense advisor for both Alcatel Group and Alcatel Space CEOs.

General Molard was born in the North of France, on September 11, 1952. After his graduation in Roubaix in 1970, he studied mathematics during two years in Grenoble, Isere, to prepare his entry to the French Air Force Academy of Salon-de Provence in 1972.

He enlisted in the French Air Force as a Fighter Pilot and got his wings in 1976. He first served with the 7th Tactical Fighter Wing of Saint-Dizier flying Jaguar. In 1980 he was selected for a three years exchange program with the 6th Squadron of the Royal Air Force in Coltishall, UK.

Back in France he was assigned to the 11th Tactical Fighter Wing in Toul as a deputy squadron commander of the unique Electronic Warfare squadron in France. Promoted Major in 1984 he took command of this squadron in 1985.

General Molard was next assigned to the 12th Fighter Wing of Cambrai as the Wing Commander of an Air Defense unit, flying Mirage F1 and Mirage 2000.

During these 15 years of operational activity, he flew many peacekeeping missions over uncontrolled areas in Africa and participated three times in the up most realistic Red Flag exercise in Nellis range (Nevada, USA).

In 1990 he graduated from the Air War College, and in 1991 from the Joint War College. He was then appointed to the Space Office in the Joint Headquarters in Paris, in charge of Helios 1 multinational program (Italy-Spain-France) up to the launch of the first satellite in July 1995.

He then was nominated Director of the European Satellite Center in Torrejon, Spain. In this function he brought the Center to an operational level and demonstrated its usefulness in crisis management both in military contexts (Rwanda, Great Lakes and Kosovo) and in environmental ones (fires in Greece, industrial disaster in Spain or maritime surveillance in Norway).

After completion of a three years contract he came back to the Joint HQ in Paris in 1999 in charge of Prospective Studies.

General Molard was next assigned Chief of Cabinet of the Chief of the French Air Force during two years and then Commander of the French Air Force Academy in Salon-de-Provence.

In October 2002, after 30 years in the Defense world, he took decision to serve the Industry. In his present position within ALCATEL, he is also the Chairman of Security & Defense Working group of EUROSPACE.

General Molard flew more than 3500 hours in single-seat jet fighter aircraft and participated in more than 100 war missions. His military decorations include the Legion of Honor (officer), the National Merit Order (officer), the Military Value Medal (two stars), the Combat Cross and the Aeronautic Medal.