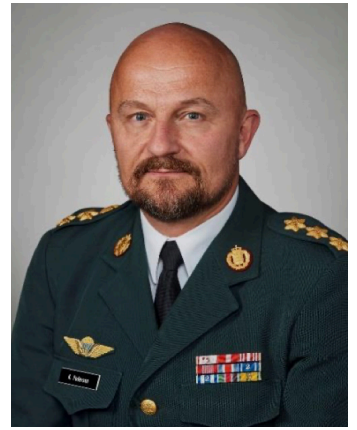




## BIOGRAPHY

### Kenneth Pedersen

Chief of Defence Staff



**Lieutenant general Kenneth Pedersen** was trained at the Royal Danish Military Academy in 1989-1992 and commissioned into the Jutland Dragoon Regiment in 1992. He attended the Junior Command and Staff Course 1996-1998 and the Intermediate Command and Staff Course 2003-2005. He attended the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania 2014-15, graduating as a Distinguished Graduate.

Kenneth Pedersen has served in squadron and staff positions in various tank battalions including operational tours to the Balkans and been a Commander in a tank squadron. Following squadron command, he served on the staff of the Army Operational Command. As a major, he served as an instructor at the Intermediate Command and Staff Course, teaching joint operations followed by an operational tour to Afghanistan as 2IC/CJ2/RC(S). From early 2009 to late 2010, he worked as a desk officer (Afghanistan) in the Ministry of Defence. Promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2010, he commanded the 2nd Battalion of the Guard Hussars Regiment taking the battalion to Afghanistan as part of the Danish contingent in Task Force Helmand in 2013-2014.

After promotion to full colonel in 2015, he became Commandant of the Royal Danish Military Academy followed by an assignment as Chief Joint Operations at the Danish Ministry of Defence and promotion to major general. From August 2017, Kenneth Pedersen served as Chief Joint Operations at Defence Command Denmark including a 7-month period in 2019 as Chief of Army Command. November 2019 he was promoted to Lieutenant General and took command as Chief of Defence Staff Denmark.

Kenneth Pedersen lives near Copenhagen with his wife Solvej. The household includes two hunting dogs (pointers) as he is a keen hunter. Other hobbies include reading military history and off-road running.

