



DANISH DEFENCE

BIOGRAPHY

Michael Wiggers Hyldgaard

General
Chief of Defence



General Michael Wiggers Hyldgaard is Denmark's 19th Chief of Defence. He was appointed on April 3rd, 2024. As Chief of Defence, he is responsible for the military leadership of the Danish Armed Forces and is the principal advisor to the Danish government on military matters.

General Hyldgaard began his military career in the Zealand Life Regiment (Sjællandske Livregiment) following the completion of his conscription service. In 1993, he joined the Danish Jaeger Corps (Jægerkorpset). Since then, he has held a wide range of command appointments, including positions within the Zealand Life Regiment, the Jaeger Corps and the Special Operations Command.

In 2018, he joined the Danish Defence Command, where he held several positions, including Chief of the Joint Operations Staff before taking command of the Special Operations Command in 2023.

General Hyldgaard has also held several international appointments throughout his career. He served as a military adviser at Denmark's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and as operations officer in the Danish liaison element to US Central Command. His international deployments include serving as operations officer within SFOR CJSOTF in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as Deputy Commander of Task Group FERRET and as Commander of Task Group 98 in Afghanistan.

General Hyldgaard has, among other honours, been appointed Commander First Class of the Order of the Dannebrog and awarded Latvia's Order of Viesturs.



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