



Biography



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Brigadier General Michael Hain

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Brigadier General Michael Hain took office as the General Manager of NAPMA in April 2013. His unique career spans a broad spectrum from leadership positions in operations, employment in international organizations, and responsibility for procurement and in-service support of complex weapon systems.



BGen Hain joined the German Air Force in 1981. After returning from USAF Navigator Training and initial training as a Weapon Systems Operator on the F-4 E Phantom he served for eleven years (1984 – 1995) at Fighter Bomber Wing 36 “Westfalen” in Rheine/Hopsten. During this period he also served as an Operations Officer at squadron, flying group, and wing level. His final assignment there was as Squadron Commander of the German Air Force F-4F Phantom Training Squadron.

From 1995 to 1997, BGen Hain attended the German Air Force General Staff Course, which was followed by a two-year assignment as Division Head, Intelligence, in the German Air Transport Command.

From 1999 to 2001, BGen Hain served as a Staff Officer in the German Air Force Command, where he was responsible for concept development in the areas of ground attack, reconnaissance and targeting. Additional tasks included analysis of Balkan Air Operations as well as providing input for the restructuring of the German Air Force.

In 2001, he took up a Joint Staff assignment at the Federal Ministry of Defence (MoD), where he was responsible for harmonizing ISR requirements between the services, developing a JISR doctrine, and improving international cooperation in the intelligence domain.

As a direct consequence of this work, assignment to the Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) Support Staff (AGS3) followed from 2004 to 2006. During this time, BGen Hain was responsible for operational & technical aspects of AGS. With the decision to establish an AGS Implementation Office at SHAPE, BGen Hain was selected as the very first Branch Head.

His previous assignment was as Branch Chief at the German MoD, where he was responsible for procurement and in-service support of ground based air defense and all flying equipment. This included major multinational projects such as Eurofighter, A400M, MEADS, NH 90, UAVs and satellites. In addition, his Branch was responsible for the management of major NATO programmes, such as AGS, NATO Missile Defence and NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control.