

Short biography of Rear Admiral Maarten Tossings MSc



Rear Admiral Maarten Tossings (1962) was commissioned as weapon engineer officer in 1983. He studied electronics at Delft University of Technology and obtained a Master of Science degree in Design of Information Systems at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham (UK). Later on in his career he took the long staff course at the Netherlands Defence Academy.

Tossings served as weapon engineer officer on board of several frigates, participating in operations in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Adriatic, Arabian Gulf and Far East. On exchange with the Royal Navy, he served as sea riding officer at Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) in Plymouth (UK), training ships of a large number of nationalities. As Captain he served as Chief CJ7 Force Management and Integration (Army) at the Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and NATO Training Mission Afghanistan (NTM-A) in Kabul in 2009-2010. For his service in this position, the US awarded him the Bronze Star medal.

Shore tours included designing and building combat management systems for ships and serving on a forward design team developing concepts for future combatants. He acted as deputy project manager in a major reorganisation of the Royal Netherlands Navy around 2005. Later he served on the staff of the Commander Royal Netherlands Navy. Since returning from Afghanistan in 2010, Tossings has served at the Netherlands Ministry of Defence in The Hague, initially on the Defence Staff. In 2012 he was promoted to Commodore and transferred to the Policy Directorate. In December 2015 Tossings was promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed Principal Director of Organisation and Chief Information Officer. As such he is a member of the Defence Board.