

BIOGRAPHY

Name: Herman A. van der Til
Rank: Major General NLD MC

Appointment: Director Operational Policy,
Requirements & Plans NLD MOD/Defense Staff

Date of Birth: 2 March 1956



Herman A. van der Til graduated from the Royal Netherlands Naval Academy in 1978 as Second Lieutenant of the Netherlands Marine Corps (NLD MC). After completion of his study in 1980 he served as an Anti-Tank platoon commander with the 1st Marine Battalion in Doorn.

In 1982, First Lieutenant Van der Til NLD MC served on board HNLMS Poolster as a flight deck officer and in 1983 with the Naval Air Squadrons 7 and 860 as a flight deck officer instructor. In August 1983 he was transferred to the Van Ghentbarracks in Rotterdam as a Captain and he commanded the Senior NCO Training Wing. From 1985 to 1990 he served at the Headquarters Royal Netherlands Marine Corps in the Training Branch and as Public Information Officer. By the end of 1990 Major Van der Til NLD MC moved with his family to the United Kingdom and served as Netherlands Marine Corps Liaison Officer in Headquarters Commando Forces Royal Marines (Plymouth) and as Staff Officer Warfare in Headquarters Royal Marines (Portsmouth). From April to July 1991 Major Van der Til NLD MC joined the Joint Task Force Headquarters at Incirlik (Turkey) during the Kurdish relief Operation Haven/Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq.

In 1994 he served as second in command with the 1st Marine Battalion and in 1995 as operations officer with the Headquarters of the Group Operational Units Marines. In 1996 he joined the Netherlands Staff College and was promoted to Lieutenant-colonel NLD MC while serving in the Defense Operational Crisis Management Center with the Ministry of Defense in The Hague. From 1999 to 2001 he commanded the 1st Marine Battalion. During his command he deployed the battalion on various exercises ranging from Egypt to the United States of America and from the Caribbean to Norway. In March 2000 he deployed elements of the battalion to Kosovo as part of the NATO Strategic Reserve Force.

On 28 May 2001 Colonel Van der Til NLD MC was appointed as Controller to the Commandant of the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps. From 8 September 2003 to 9 February 2004 he acted Chief of Staff/Deputy Commandant Royal Netherlands Marine Corps and at that time he developed a strategy paper on the future for the NLD MC: the creation of the Royal Netherlands Navy/Marine Corps team.

On 9 February 2004 Brigadier-general Van der Til NLD MC was the first Marine officer to be appointed as Chief of Staff of the Headquarters Admiral Netherlands Fleet in Den Helder. On 5 September 2005 he was appointed as Director Planning & Control of the Netherlands Navy Command in Den Helder. On 15 January 2007 he assumed the appointment of Director Operations Netherlands Navy Command. On 1 June 2007 he was promoted to Major General

NLD MC and appointed as Deputy Chief Of Staff Operations at the Headquarters of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan. On 3 January 2008 he assumed the responsibilities of Director Directorate Afghan National Army Training & Equipment Support in Headquarters ISAF. After his return from Afghanistan Major General Van der Til NLCMC was transferred to the Ministry of Defense/Defense Staff as Director Operational Policy, Requirements & Plans on 6 October 2008.

He is married to Truus Coops and they have three children.