



NATO School Biography



Claude J. Schmitz
Adjutant-Major, Luxembourg Army
Command's Senior Enlisted Leader

Claude J. SCHMITZ was born in Diekirch, LUXEMBOURG on 19th April 1961. Following Secondary School, he attended the "Institut Supérieur de Technologie" in Luxembourg for an interim period before he decided to join the military in January 1981 as an enlisted soldier.

During his 29 years of service, Adjutant-Major Schmitz has served in various enlisted positions to include duty as a rifle man; reconnaissance corporal; anti-tank squad leader; Drill Sergeant and instructor at the NCO Academy in Arlon, BELGIUM later on at the Basic Training Unit at the Military Center, Luxemburg; and NCOIC mechanic in the Logistic Services at the Military Centre, LUXEMBOURG.

After two tours in Operation Provide Comfort, TURKEY / IRAQ in 1991, a nine-month tour in operation UNPROFOR, BELBAT, Belimonastir, CROATIA in 1992-93; and a NATO rotation period in IFOR, BELUGA, Visoko, BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA in 1996, AdjMaj Schmitz has been assigned to the NATO School in Oberammergau, GERMANY on 1st January 1997 where he assumed the duties as NCOIC Protocol; NCOIC Public Information, and Acting Director of Public Affairs.

As of 1st September 2008, AdjMaj Schmitz was appointed Command's Senior Enlisted Leader of the NATO School.

AdjMaj Schmitz is fluent in German, French, English and Luxembourgish.

His national awards include Medal of Honor and Merit in Bronze; Order of the Oak Crown, silver medal; Service Medal of 20 years; Ribbon for Second Military Operation.

The international awards include U.S. Meritorious Service Medal; UN Medal; NATO Medal Former Yugoslavia; Commemoration Medal for Foreign Military Operation, BELGIUM; IFOR Ribbon.