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Chief of Staff



German Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal became the first multinational Chief of Staff at U.S. Army Europe in August 2014. He joined the Deutsches Heer, or German army, in 1982 and has served in a variety of command and staff assignments throughout Germany and on operations.

Immediately prior to this assignment, Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal served as the Commander, 12th Panzer Brigade (Oberpfalz), Amberg, and the Chief of Staff, Regional Command North, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. Other assignments include: Branch Chief for Strategic Guidelines in the Policy Division; Section Chief for European Security Politics and bilateral relationships to European and African countries in the Planning Directorate, German Ministry of Defense.

Additional positions in the German Ministry of Defense have included Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Department of Army; Staff Officer for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the United Nations on matters for deployments. He also served as Branch Chief G3 for Deployments and later Chief, G3, German Army Forces Command, Koblenz; Chief G3 Air Mobile Division, Veitshoechheim; Commander, 203d Panzer Battalion, Hemer; Military Assistant, Deputy Commander for Operations, and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, Kosovo Force (KFOR), Pristina; Staff Officer, Operations, German Army Office, Cologne; 4th and 6th Company Commander, 203d Panzer Battalion, Hemer.

Brig. Gen. Laubenthal is a graduate of Officer Training at the Army Officer School in Hannover and Armor School in Munster. He completed the General Staff Officer Course (Class 40) at the Federal Command and Staff College in Hamburg. He is also a graduate of the Advanced Command & Staff Course (Class 5) at the Joint Services Command & Staff College in Shrivenham, Great Britain, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Defense Studies from King's College in London.