

CAPTAIN RNLN (S) ret. F.J. MARCUS

Captain of the Royal Netherlands Navy Frank J. Marcus was born in The Hague on 23rd March 1956. In 1963 his family moved to Spijkenisse, near Rotterdam, where he finished elementary school. His secondary school period took place in Rotterdam.

In 1973 he started his Navy training as a midshipman at the Royal Netherlands Naval College in Den Helder, where he specialized as a Supply Officer. In 1977 he was appointed to Officer, after completing his education on HNLMS Holland. Subsequently, he studied Economics for two years at the University of Rotterdam.

He served on several ships as a Supply Officer: HNLMS Tydeman (Hydrographic service vessel), HNLMS Willem van der Zaan (M-frigate) and HNLMS Rotterdam (Landing platform dock).

He served 3 years as a logistic advisor at the Headquarters of the Royal Netherlands MarineCorps in Rotterdam. He also served 8 years in several jobs at the Ministry of Defense/Navy. In 2000, he was appointed Commanding officer of the Logistic Battalion (RNLMC) and in this capacity he became COLogbase in the UNMEE peacekeeping force in Dekemhare, Eritrea. He had several female military personnel serving with him in this battalion and during this peacekeeping operation. He stayed in Eritrea during 7 months.

He also has five years of experience as a Union representative, two years of those outside the Navy.

In September 2001, Captain Marcus was appointed Head of the Policy Development Division of the Directorate-General Personnel and Materiel. This position involves developing policies in the fields of personnel care (including developing personnel-policies on diversity, integrity, family support and spiritual health), career development, occupational health and safety and, finally, in the area of veterans aftercare policy.

At the end of 2005 he took part in the Leergang Topmanagement Defensie at the Clingendael Institute. In February 2006 he became Head of the educational department of the Royal Netherlands Navy, with a responsibility for all the educational Naval programs. The organization has 10 schools (3 binational) and about 900 personnel.

In July 2009 he became Director of the Veterans Institute in Doorn. The Veterans Institute performs a wide spectrum of veteran policy activities on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Defense for 115.000 Dutch veterans. It promotes and offers assistance and services to veterans and their home front, stimulates the social recognition for veterans and acts as knowledge and research center in the field of veteran-related subjects.

In 2012 Marcus retired as an officer, but stayed Director until July 2016. After that he became involved in more than 10 organizations: the local RC church, the Military Ordinariate (including AMI), Lions International, several veteran related organizations and the National Committee that organizes the yearly Remembrance Ceremony about the ending of WWII on August 15th.

Captain (ret) Marcus lives in Gouda, is married since 1985 and has three very nice children: two boys (1988 and 1990) and one girl (1993).