

C u r r i c u l u m V i t a e
Admiral (ret.) Manfred Nielson

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Master Degree in Business Administration from Hamburg University
(Diplom-Kaufmann),

born in Dorsten, Northrhein-Westfalia, Germany on 25th February 1955,
married, 1 adult son and 1 adult daughter

- 1973 Joining the German Navy as a reserve officer candidate
- 1974-1975 Watch Officer on board coastal minsweepers KOBLENZ
 and WETZLAR, Naval Base Wilhelmshaven, Germany
- 1975-1978 Studies in Economics and Organisational Sciences at the
 Bundeswehr University Hamburg, Germany
- 1978 –1980 Watch Officer on board minehunters FLENSBURG,
 Cuxhafen and Koblenz Naval Base Wilhelmshaven,
 Germany
- 1980–1981 Underwater weapons specialist training in Eckernförde,
 Germany, Oostende, Belgium, and den Helder, Netherlands

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- 1981-1983 Commanding Officer of minehunter TÜBINGEN,
Naval Base Wilhelmshaven, Germany

 - 1983 –1985 Commanding Officer of MCM drone control ship
PADERBORN (Troika System), Naval Base
Wilhelmshaven, Germany

 - 1985 –1986 Action Officer in the Armed Forces Staff at the Ministry
of Defence (MoD) Bonn, Germany

 - 1986 –1988 Admiral Staff Officer Course at the Bundeswehr
Command and Staff College (Führungsakademie)
Hamburg, Germany

 - 1988 –1990 Operations Officer and Deputy Commander of the 6th
Minesweeper Squadron, Naval Base Wilhelmshaven,
Germany

 - 1990 –1994 Desk Officer at Personnel Directorate at the MoD Bonn,
Germany

 - 1994 –1996 Personal Assistant to the Director of Personnel at the MoD
Bonn, Germany

 - 1996–1997 Commander of the 6th Minesweeper Squadron, Naval
Base Wilhelmshaven, Germany

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- 1997–1998 Head of functional area „Central Affairs“ and „Speechwriting!“ in the Planning Staff of Minister of Defence Volker R  he, MoD, Berlin, Germany
- 1998-2000 Head of functional area „Personnel and Innere F  hrung“ (Leadership Development and Civic Education) in the Planning Staff of Minister of Defence Rudolf Scharping, MoD Berlin, Germany
- 2000–2002 Office Manager and Personal Assistant of Deputy Secretary of Defense Klaus – G  nther Biederbick at MoD Berlin/Bonn, Germany
- 2002–2005 Commandant of the Naval Academy, Flensburg; during this tour of duty deployed abroad as the first Commander international Task Force (CTF 150) Operation ENDURING at the Horn of Africa from May till October 2003, Djibouti, (Djibouti), Nairobi, (Kenia), Muscat, (Oman), Manama, (Bahrain)
- 2005–2008 Chief of Division I of the „Personnel, Social Services and Central Affairs Directorate“, responsible for management and development of the entire military top staff at MoD Bonn, Germany,
- 2008–2010 Director, Armed Forces Staff, under the Command of Chief of Defence (CHOD Germany) General Wolfgang Schneiderhan and General Volker Wieker, MoD Berlin,

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- 2010– 2011 Commander in Chief, German Fleet, Glücksburg; during this time assigned as „Bundeswehr CHOD’s Commissioner for Implementing the Cabinet’s Inquiry Mandate of 7th June 2010“ directly working for Minister of Defence Karl – Theodor zu Guttenberg from January to March 2011 at MoD Germany, Berlin
- 2011-2012 Head of the Structural Reform Task Group directly working for Minister of Defence Dr. Thomas de Maizière at MoD Germany, Berlin
- 2012–2013 Department Head „Planning“ at MoD Germany, Berlin and Special Manager of the projects „Review of Armaments and Procurement Programmes“ and „Developing an Integrated Planning Process for the German Armed Forces“
- 2013–2015 Chief of Staff (Inspekteur) of the Joint Support Service of the Bundeswehr (Streitkräftebasis with 50.000 military and civilian personnel) and Territorial Commander in solving flood disasters and support in the refugee crisis Bonn, Germany
- 2016–2019 Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO’s Strategic Command in Norfolk, Virginia, USA, responsible for capability development by using modern technologies like AI, autonomous systems, big data, cyber

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Promotions:

1997 Captain

2002 Flotilla Admiral

2008 Rear Admiral

2011 Vice Admiral

2016 Admiral

