



CHIEF OF JOINT OPERATIONS, SWEDISH ARMED FORCES

## Lieutenant General Michael Claesson

*Valid from 2020-09-10*



### Lieutenant General Michael Claesson

#### Date and place of Birth

1<sup>st</sup> of March 1965 in Jönköping

#### Family

Married to Åsa, three children

#### Address

Swedish Armed Forces  
Headquarters  
SE-107 85 STOCKHOLM,  
SWEDEN

#### Present Assignment

2020-09-10 Chief of Joint Operations

#### Previous Assignment

2018–2020 Head of Plans and Policy Department, Defence Staff, Swedish Armed Forces HQ, in Stockholm, Sweden.

2015–2018 Deputy Head of Plans and Policy Department, Defence Staff, Swedish Armed Forces HQ, in Stockholm, Sweden.

2013–2015 Senior Military Adviser at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Stockholm, Sweden.

2012–2013 Commanding Officer SWECON ISAF (24<sup>th</sup> rotation) and Commanding Officer Task Force Northern Lights, Regional Command North in ISAF, Afghanistan.

2010–2012 Commanding Officer Swedish Armed Forces Land Warfare Center in Skövde, Sweden.

2009–2010 Head of Swedish Army Training and Exercise Program at the Land Warfare Centre in Skövde, Sweden.

2007–2009 Military Adviser and Swedish Deputy Military Representative to NATO at the Swedish Mission to NATO in Brussels. Side accreditation to the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU.

2005–2007 Military Adviser and Swedish Assistant Military Representative to NATO at the Swedish Mission to NATO in Brussels. Side accreditation to the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU.

2005 Military Adviser at the Ministry of Defence, Department of Security Policy and International Issues (FÖ SI).

2003–2005 Commanding Officer Norrbotten Armor Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (I 19) in Boden (North Sweden).

2002–2003 Military Adviser at the Ministry of Defence, Department of Security Policy and International Issues.

2001–2002 Staff Officer at the Plans and Policy Department, Joint Defence Staff, Swedish Armed Forces HQ.

2000–2001 Staff Officer and Deputy Head of J3 PLANS & CONOPS, KFOR HQ in Pristina, Kosovo.

1999–2000 Instructor Tactics and Operational Art at the Institution for War Science at the National Defence College in Stockholm.

1997–1999 General Staff Course at the Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (FüAkBw) in Hamburg, Germany.

1997–1997 Student at the Federal German language school (Bundessprachenamt (BSprA) in Hürth, Germany.



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1995–1997	Tank Company Commander and Deputy Tank Company Commander.
1986–1995	Various unit level assignments at Platoon, Company and Battalion level (Armor and Mechanized Battalions). Instructor at the Company Commanders Course at the Swedish Armour School (2 years).
1984–1985	National Military Service as Tank Commandant MBT 103 (S) at Norrbotten Armor Battalion in Boden, Sweden.

### Promotions

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2020-09-10	Lieutenant General
2018	Major General
2013	Brigadier General
2008	Colonel
2001	Lieutenant Colonel
1995	Major
1991	Captain
1989	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant
1987	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

### Education

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2013	Danish Chief of Defence (CHOD) Security Policy Course SIKU 13 in Denmark.
2012	National Defence College Senior Leaders Seminar "Solbacka".
2011	International Commanding Officer Orientation Course at NODEFIC, Norway.
2009–2010	Commanding Officer Course at Military Academy, Management Department (dispersed over singular weeks during the stated two years).
2007	PRT-course at Nato School in Oberammergau, Germany.
2005–2007	Intensive language training course in French, Millefeuilles Provence, France.
2005	European Union negotiation Course, Government Offices, Stockholm.
2003	Battalion Commanders' Course.
1997–1999	German General Staff Course at the Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr in Hamburg, Germany,
1997	Focused language training course Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Bundessprachenamt in Hürth, Germany.
1994–1995	Junior Staff College, Army. National Defence College in Stockholm, Sweden.
1990–1991	Military Academy Advanced Course, Armor. Armor School in Skövde, Sweden.
1988–1989	Military Academy General Course, Army. Military Academy Karlberg in Stockholm, Sweden.
1985–1987	Military Academy

### Decorations

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Medal for Zealous and Devoted Service of the Realm  
 Armed Forces International Service medal  
 Armed Forces Medal for International Operations (KFOR)  
 Armed Forces Medal for International Operations (ISAF)  
 Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr in silver for exceptional services in support of the German Bundesweh  
 Norwegian Defence Medal – International Operations (ISAF)  
 NATO medal for service with the KFOR  
 NATO medal ISAF



## Languages

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English STANAG 4444

German STANAG 4443

French Council of Europe level B 1 (2)

## Other appointments

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Lieutenant General Claesson is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences since 2010.

