



## Air Force Chief of Staff

# Major General Mats Helgesson



**Born** 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1964, Sweden  
**Family** Married and three children

### Previous Assignments

2013-2015 Director of FMV Test and Evaluation  
2012-2013 Head of Joint Operations Development Department, Armed Forces HQ  
2009-2012 Wing Commander and Air Base Commander at F17 Wing  
2010-2011 ISAF Joint Command, Kabul  
2007-2009 Head of Air operations, Armed Forces HQ  
2004-2007 Head of Flight Operations, Training & Procurement Department (Air Force), Armed Forces HQ  
2002-2004 Instructor Air Combat Training School  
1998-2002 Squadron Commander JAS 39 Gripen, F7 Wing  
1987-1996 Fighter pilot at F15 Wing

### Promotions

2015 Major General  
2013 Brigadier General  
2007 Colonel  
1999 Lieutenant Colonel  
1995 Major  
1992 Captain  
1990 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
1987 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

### Education

2014-2015 Executive Master of Government Resource Management  
2012 Civil/Military Senior Command Course, Solbacka  
2009 Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency National and International Crisis Management Course, Stockholm  
2007 National Defence College Advanced Strategic Command Course, Stockholm  
1996-1998 National Defence College Advanced Command Course, Stockholm  
1994-1995 National Defence College Staff Course, Stockholm  
1992 Air Force War Academy Advanced Course, Uppsala  
1990 Air Force War Academy Basic Course, Uppsala  
1985-1987 Air Force Flying Training School, Basic Flying Training, Ljungbyhed  
1983-1985 Basic Military Ranger Training and Military Reserve Training, Arvidsjaur

### Languages

English fluently

### Hobbies

Skiing, hiking and outdoor activities.

### Decorations

Swedish Armed Forces Armed Forces Conscript Medal  
Swedish Armed Forces International Service Medal  
NATO Medal, ISAF  
Air Force Volunteer Medal of Merit

### Other information

Total experience of 2100 flying hours on SAAB JAS 39 Gripen, AJS 37 Viggen and SAAB 105.