

Major General Koen Gijsbers Awarded for Netcentricity Impact



Major General Gijsbers, former ACOS C4I ACT, has been awarded the Arthur K. Cebrowski Award from the IDFA NCW. The Arthur K. Cebrowski Award honours a nominated person who has had an impact on the development and evolution of netcentricity.

The Command and Control Centre of Excellence (C2CoE) nominated Major General Koen Gijsbers for the award with support from General Mattis, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Mr. Peter

Flory, NATO Headquarters NC3 Board Chairman, and Mr. Carl Schwab, Executive Director NOCICs, among others.

Colonel Geerlof Kanis, Director C2CoE nominated Major General Gijsbers for his successful efforts towards the improvement of the NATO Alliance capabilities in the field of NATO Network Enabled Capability (NNEC). Major General Gijsbers demonstrated these actions by bringing NNEC into common practice through his personal drive and leadership during his three-year post at ACT NATO, Norfolk, VA.

Major General Gijsbers has played an active role in the realisation of NATO NEC by bringing network enabled capability into common practice. One of Gijsbers major initiatives for NNEC and NEC was to raise awareness and to change the perception from a technical mindset to cognitive and human mindset. Gijsbers joined NATO ACT in 2006 as the Assistant Chief of Staff (ACOS) Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I). Upon his arrival, Gijsbers became an advisor to the Network Centric Operations Industrial Consortium (NCOIC) which allowed him a platform to foster his ideas on NEC and NNEC to more than 100 top industrial organizations.

Currently, Major General Gijsbers is Chief Information Officer for the Netherlands MOD.

Congratulations, Major General Gijsbers!