

Vice admiral Jean-louis VICHOT

Born the 27th of March 1955 in Paris (France)

Family

Married to Marielle Kiven, qualified teacher of history (holder of the “agrégation”), lecturer at the *Institut d'études politiques de Paris* ; listener at the *Institut des hautes études de défense nationale* in 1997.

Four children: Guillaume (Naval engineer), Anne-Isabelle (Navy officer), Pierre-Louis (Army officer) and Claire-Renée (studying law at the university).

Education

Secondary studies and preparatory schools in Paris at the *lycée Janson de Sailly*.

Engineer, Ecole navale, at Brest.

American civilization certificate from the University of Western Brittany.

Engineer, Nuclear propulsion, *Institut national des sciences et techniques nucléaires* – Paris.

Lecturer at the *Institut d'études politiques de Paris* (2007 – 2010).

Former student at the NATO Defence College (Flag and ambassador's course), the Asia Pacific Centre of Strategic Studies (Transnational security course), the Kenan Flagler Business School (Strategic Thinking Course).

Military career

Military academics

- *Ecole navale* from 1974 to 1977,
- Military certificate of English language (third degree) in 1976,
- Antisubmarine warfare school (submarine branch) in 1981,
- Military applications of nuclear energy studies in 1986,
- Staff Technical diploma in 1989,
- *Ecole supérieure de guerre navale* (Naval War College) in 1991,
- Senior officers joint staff course in 1992,
- *Centre des hautes études militaires* and *Institut des hautes études de défense nationale* in 2001.

Operations

1977 Operations then executive officer of the patrolship “Canopus” in the West Indies

1978 Watch officer on board the submarines SSG “La Praya” and SSK “Argonaute”

1980 Commanding officer of the coastal minesweeper “Eglantine”

1981 to 1989 Department head (weapons and sonar), operations officer, executive officer on board the SSK and SSG “Béveziers, Flore, Doris”, then on board the SSN “Saphir” and “Rubis”

1989 Commanding the Red crew of the SSN “Rubis” then the Blue crew of the SSN “Casabianca”,

1995 Executive officer of the Red crew of the SSBN “Le Tonnant”

1999 Commanding the Blue crew of the SSBN “Le Téméraire”

Has spent more than 20 000 hours submerged.

Other appointments

1996-1997 Chief of staff of the admiral commanding the attack submarine force

- human resources

1993-1995 Desk officer, responsible of the training of Navy officers, all submariners and naval aviation personnel at the education and training bureau of the direction of the Navy personnel

1997-1999 Chief of the bureau of the personnel for the Submarine branch of the Navy

- strategic

2002-2004 Desk officer at the strategic and general military studies bureau of the Joint staff, in charge of foreign relations, nuclear matters, cults;

2004-2006 Deputy director “European and strategic affairs” at the *Secrétariat général de la défense nationale* (Prime minister office), in charge of NATO, EU, transatlantic relations, non- and counter-proliferation (PSI).

2006-2008 Head of the French military mission to NATO Joint Force Headquarters Naples (Italy).

2008-2010 Commanding officer Joint military forces French Polynesia, commanding officer French maritime forces, Pacific, commanding officer French former nuclear test range Pacific;

2010-present Director, Navy centre of high military studies and commanding officer Naval support Paris

Interests and activities

History, arts, yachting (member of the Yacht Club de France), golf.

Vice admiral Vichot is officer of the Légion d'honneur, commander of the Ordre du mérite and of the Ordre de Malte.