# Biography of the Rear Admiral Benoît Hédé-Haüy



Rear-Admiral Benoît Hédé-Haüy joined the Naval Academy in 1991. He qualified as an embarked combat helicopter pilot, expert in antisubmarine warfare, and flight test pilot. He has accumulated ten years of deployment on combat ships and over 2,500 hours of flight time on a variety of more than thirty different aircrafts. He graduated from War College in 2007 and is a former auditor of the 128th session of the NATO Defence College.

He has held three commands within naval aviation and the naval action force: the 31F squadron (Lynx), the stealth frigate Guépratte and the naval flight test centre (CEPA/10S).

He was deployed on a large variety of missions including ASW operations in the Atlantic Ocean in the frame of nuclear deterrence, off the coasts of Libya and Syria for intelligence and interception missions, and very regularly in the Indian Ocean participating in national operational or joint operations, in support of the aircraft-carrier and against illegal activities.

He served at the French Navy HQ in the department of Capability for five years, in charge of the NH90 program and later as the Head of all Naval aviation plans and programs. Head of the "officer's management" department within the Directorate of Military Personnel of the Navy (DPM) between 2020 and 2022, RADM Hédé-Haüy then assumed duty as Deputy to the Major General of the French Navy, in charge of Transformation/Performance/HR Organisation.

He is the incumbent Commanding Officer and Rector of the French Naval Academy Ecole navale. He took office on August 1st, 2025 of this public institution of higher military education in Lanvéoc-Poulmic, Brittany, which prepares future French Navy officers through a rigorous program blending advanced academic instruction, military leadership development and maritime training.

Rear-Admiral Benoît Hédé-Haüy is married to Victoire. They have six children. He is an Officer of the Legion of Honor, Commander of the National Order of Merit, and a recipient of the Aeronautics Medal.