

## **ALPHA CO TAC Officer**

# **CAPTAIN WOUTER SIJTSMA**

Royal Netherlands Air Force

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Captain Sijtsma is the Company TAC Officer for Alpha Company in the 1st Battalion. He provides direct supervision to Cadet Officers and NCOs in the performance of their duties in order to enhance their leadership skills. As a TAC he helps teach, advice and counsel cadet leadership and their subordinates in order to achieve the discipline needed to achieve outstanding academic results and military proficiency.



Captain Sijtsma's career started in 1979 as a Dutch Army communication specialist embedded in the 8<sup>th</sup> USFAD (Lance tactical nuclear missile).

After this tour he transferred to the Dutch Air Force as a special operations (OGRV) specialist. In this function he deployed a number of times to diverse places around the world to include Africa, the Middle East, and Indonesia.

Some of his military training includes EOD (bomb disposal) and CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear warfare). He is also an experienced military parachutist and pilot.

He has been extensively engaged in NCO and Officer Leadership training on the national and international levels. He has worked with the Professional development Command of the US Air Force reserve.

His last position was as the head of the education bureau of the Dutch Air Force reserve where he was charged with the setting up and executing of a new education system for the Dutch Air Force reserve.

His last deployment was to Afghanistan in 2008 (ISAF) where he served in Regional Command South as counterinsurgency and counter narcotics operational specialist filling a Major slot in the J9 branch.