



**Lieutenant General Markus Gygax  
Commander Air Force**

Born 30 April 1950 in Solothurn

Mother tongue: German (he also speaks French and English)

After commercial school studies he trained as a military pilot and joined the Surveillance Wing in 1971, where he was a member of the Swiss Aerobatic Team Patrouille Suisse from 1974 to 1983

Over 4900 flying hours

**His milestones in the upper ranks**

**Per 1 March 2009**

Definitively confirmed as Commander Swiss Air Force

**After 21 June 2008**

Commander Swiss Air Force ad interim

**2004 - 2008**

Chief Air Force Operations Staff and Deputy Commander Air Force

**2003**

Chief of Operations and Deputy Commander-in-chief Swiss Air Force

**1998 - 2002**

Commander of the Air Force Brigade

**1994 - 1997**

Chief of F/A-18 Hornet introduction

**1994**

Commander of an Air Force Regiment

**1991 - 1992**

Staff College "Ecole Supérieure de Guerre Aérienne", Paris, France

**1990 - 1991**

Assigned staff officer to the Chief of Operations of the Swiss Air Force

**1985 - 1989**

Chief flying instructor of F-5E/F Tiger in Pilot Officers' Schools

**1978**

Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, F-5E/F Tiger Conversion Course