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07/1984	officer training and education, Mürwik Naval Academy, Flensburg
10/1985 to 11/1988	academic studies and graduation in educational sciences, Bundeswehr University Hamburg
12/1988 to 01/1990	officer and specialist training at naval schools, including junior officer workplace training onboard destroyer "Hamburg"
02/1990 to 09/1992	Senior Gunnery Officer and CIC Officer, destroyer "Hamburg"
10/1992 to 03/1994	exchange officer with the Royal Netherlands Navy, frigate HNLMS "Jan van Brakel"
04/1994 to 06/1995	anti-submarine warfare training course (B-level), Operations School of the Royal Netherlands Navy, Den Helder
07/1995 to 09/1999	Operations Officer, frigate "Brandenburg"
10/1999 to 09/2001	National General/Admiral Staff Officer Course, Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
10/2001 to 04/2004	assistant branch chief, Naval Staff III 2, Armed Forces Staff III 1, Federal Ministry of Defence, Bonn
05/2004 to 09/2006	Executive Officer, frigate "Schleswig-Holstein"
10/2006 to 04/2008	adjutant to the German Chief of Defence, Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin
05/2008 to 03/2010	Commanding Officer, frigate "Mecklenburg-Vorpommern"
04/2010 to 09/2012	lecturer, Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
10/2012 to 05/2014	Commander, 4 Frigate Squadron, Wilhelmshaven
06/2014 to 05/2016	branch chief SE II 2, Directorate-General for Strategy and Operations, Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin
06/2016 to 12/2016	Commander, Standing NATO Maritime Group 2
01/2017 to 04/2018	Commander, Naval Academy Mürwik, Flensburg
05/2018 to 02/2021	Deputy Director for Strategy and Operations, Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin
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