

Major General (Retired) Hugh Van Roosen

Current President of the Civil Affairs Association. Senior Advisor to the United Nations. General Van Roosen, a veteran of 41 years of military service, retired in March 2021 as the Deputy Military Adviser at the United Nations Department of Peace Operations where his primary responsibility was the operational oversight of nearly 100,000 troops from over 65 troop contributing countries serving in 18 United Nations missions. General Van Roosen entered the Army in 1979 with the Infantry and later commanded a Special Forces company. His assignments include Civil Affairs Director for Special Operations Command Europe;

Civil Affairs battalion and brigade command (both in combat); Chief of Staff, USACAPOC(A); Commanding General, 353rd CA Command; Chief of Staff Forces, United Nations Mission in Liberia; Deputy Commanding General, USACAPOC(A); Senior Advisor to the United Nations on South Sudan; Director of the U.S. Institute for Military Support to Governance; and Deputy U.S. Army G-1 at the Pentagon. He led the 2021 UN Security Council Independent Strategic Review on Explosive Devices, and the 2023 Leveraging Technology Project as part of the UN Digital Transformation Strategy. Most recently, he led the 2024 Office of Military Affairs Independent Review/Department of Peace Operations.