

Erik Bamford

Erik is an active Service lieutenant colonel in the Norwegian Armed Forces with an extensive professional network across Europe, NATO and AOC International Region I. He is an active advocate for EW, as a speaker and in person, and he has thoroughly enjoyed being the Region I Director and hopes to be re-elected for a second term.

Erik has been with the Norwegian Armed Forces since 1995, where he began in the infantry. He served as Infantry Junior leader until 2000, including deployments to Bosnia and Lebanon. He was accepted into the Military Academy, class of 2000-2002, and while there he changed his focus to EW, a discipline that he has worked in ever since.

From 2002 to 2006, Erik served as troop commander Comms-EA, Comms-ES, and Comms EW-Analyst in EW Company 2IC. He took a short break from EW whilst serving as S-3 Norwegian Home Guard – a reserve unit – in 2007. As a forward-leaning and unafraid EW practitioner, he was ordered back to the Army as lead instructor and program lead for the Norwegian Army's Counter-RCIED development. From that post he was recruited by the Norwegian Navy SOF Command and served as EWO with the NORNAVSOC, including and during a deployment with NORNAVSOF to Kabul, Afghanistan. From 2009 he served as Branch Head for EW with the Norwegian Army TRADOC and since 2013 he has been the principal EW officer with the Norwegian Air Force (NAF), which includes his service as Senior EWO within the NAF. His current post is Branch Chief EW for the Norwegian Armed Forces (NAF) – all services.

Erik holds a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Bergen, where he focused on commercial counter privacy operations. He has been a member of the Arctic Roost since 2010 and was an Arctic Roost Chapter Board member from 2011 to 2016, including a period as Chapter President. Erik has also been on several AOC headquarters committees, such as the Awards and International Advisory Committee, as well as a speaker at the 53rd, 59th and 60th AOC Annual Symposium, the 17th AOC Security Cooperation Symposium in 2017, and for AOC Europe in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Erik and his wife, Anne Mette, have two children, ages 13 and 15.