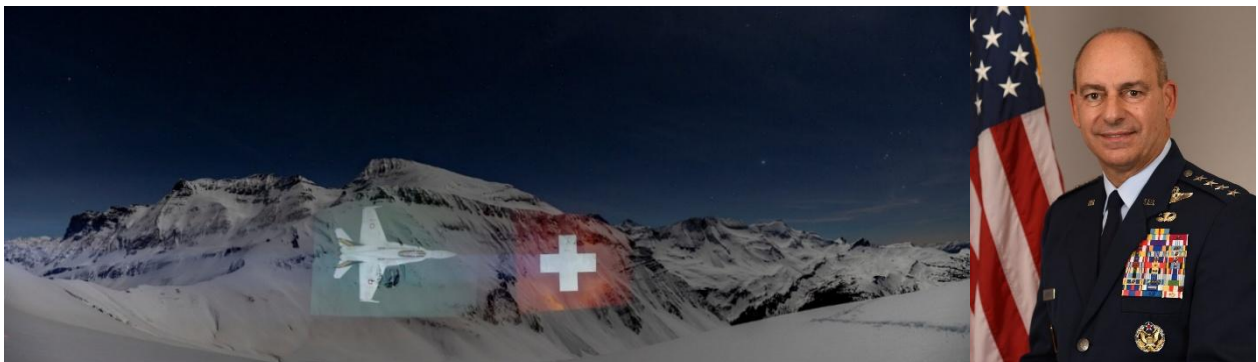




**Personal Invitation  
to the Closing Event  
100 Years of the Swiss Air Force Officers  
&  
Annual General Assembly  
of**



**Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20, 2026  
AIR FORCE CENTER, Dübendorf**





## **Dear Officers, dear Sirs and Mesdames**

I am pleased to invite you to this year's annual general assembly of AVIA – the Association of Swiss Air Force Officers.

Together with renowned light artist Gerry Hofstetter, we are returning to the birthplace of military aviation in Switzerland for the closing event of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is an opportunity to celebrate aviation, art, and the traditions of the Swiss Air Force.

On June 19, 2026, we invite you to an exclusive evening with General Jeffrey L. Harrigian. General Harrigian graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy (Class of 1985) and has served in many flying and staff assignments during his distinguished career. Starting out as an Air Liaison Officer and Forward Air Controller on the A/OA-37, he has accumulated more than 4,100 hours in the F-22, F-15C and the MQ-1. He is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force's Fighter Weapons School as well and has flown combat missions in support of operations Just Cause, Desert Storm and Inherent Resolve. In his last assignment, General Harrigian held the post of Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, U.S. Air Forces Africa; Commander, Allied Air Command, headquartered at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Kalkar, Germany.

Although conceived as a festive event, we must not lose sight of our day-to-day business: The referendum against the new Swiss Military Equipment Act has been launched. This means that the Swiss citizens will vote on this issue as early as fall 2026. That is why the defense and aerospace industry will be the focus of our General Assembly on Saturday, June 20.

Both events will be held at the AIR FORCE CENTER in Dübendorf, Zurich.

Seize the opportunity to foster comradeship and celebrate the culture of the Swiss Air Force with us on June 19 and 20, 2026.

I look forward to welcoming you as our guest of honor and to greeting you in person in Dübendorf, along with your spouse or partner, if you wish.

Very Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pardo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Colonel (O-6/OF-5) Jorge V. Pardo**

President, AVIA – Officers Association of the Swiss Air Force



## **Program: An Evening with General Jeffrey L. Harrigian – Friday, June 19, 2026**

- 17:30 Welcome Drink
- 18:00 Our distinguished guest, General Jeffrey L. Harrigian, has the floor. In a presentation titled “Air Combat from Just Cause and Desert Storm to Inherent Resolve” he will speak about his personal experiences in three major conflicts and how his education and experiences have shaped the way he sees the future of Air Power.
- 19:30 Flying Dinner & Networking
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## **Program: General Assembly – Saturday, June 20, 2026**

- from 08:30 Doors opening / Welcome coffee / Art exhibition / Exhibits
- 10:00 Opening remarks by the President of AVIA
- 10:15 General Assembly – items in accordance with the agenda
- 11:00 Address by the leadership of the Swiss Air Force
- 11:20 Keynote speech by Stefan Brupbacher, CEO of Swissmem, the Association of the Swiss Technology Industry, on the role, the capabilities, and the importance of the defense and aerospace industry for Switzerland’s security considering the upcoming referendum scheduled for later this year
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:15 Presentations on security, industry, art, and culture
- approx. 16:00 Camaraderie & Closing Ceremony

### **Agenda for the 2026 General Assembly**

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| 1. | Opening Remarks                               | President        |
| 2. | Agenda  | President        |
| 3. | Minutes of the 2025 General Assembly          | President        |
| 4. | Activity Report for the 2025 Association Year | President        |
| 5. | 2025 Financial Statement                      | CFO              |
| 6. | Auditor’s Report 2025                         | Auditors         |
| 7. | Granting of discharge to the Board for 2025   | General Assembly |



8.	Elections	
	a. President	CFO
	b. Members of the Board	President
	c. Auditors	President
9.	Budget 2026	CFO
10.	Motions to the General Assembly	President
11.	Miscellaneous / AOB	President

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## Registration

Please register no later than **June 13, 2026**:

1. online at [www.avia-luftwaffe.ch](http://www.avia-luftwaffe.ch)
2. by email to: [sekretariat@avia-luftwaffe.ch](mailto:sekretariat@avia-luftwaffe.ch)
3. or by postal mail to:

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c/o Martin Schlatter  
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CH-8308 Illnau

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- Military personnel:
  - Swiss: Uniform type B, Code B-420, or flight suit
  - International: Service dress uniform or flight suit
- Civilian guests: business casual

## Directions to the AIR FORCE CENTER

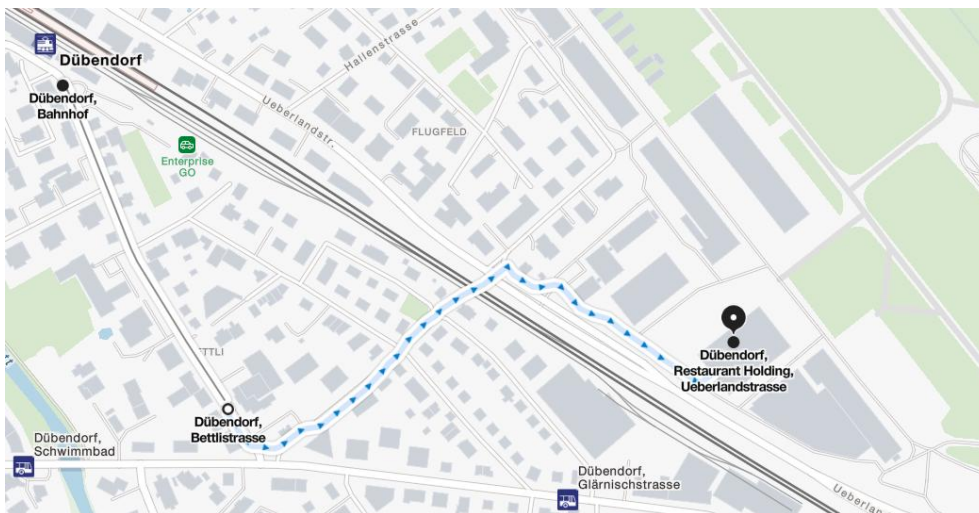
Address: Ueberlandstrasse 255, CH-8600 Dübendorf, Switzerland

[www.airforcecenter.ch](http://www.airforcecenter.ch)

N 47.397408792415845 E 8.631786333332961

Getting there by public transportation

From Dübendorf Station, take bus 754 (toward Stettbach Station) – get off at the Dübendorf, Bettlistrasse stop – walk 653 meters



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