

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF ARMED FORCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Lieutenant General Petr PAVEL, M.A.

born on 1 November 1961 in Plana u Mariánských Lázní, Czech Republic



Education:

- 1975-1979 Military Grammar School, Opava
- 1979-1983 Army College, Vyškov
- 1988-1991 Postgraduate studies, Military Academy, Brno
- 1995 Staff College, Camberley, United Kingdom, senior officers course
- 2005 Royal College of Defence Studies, London, United Kingdom
- 2005-2006 King's College London, United Kingdom, M.A. international relations

Service career:

- 1983-1985 Special purpose airborne reconnaissance platoon leader
- 1985-1991 Commander, special purpose airborne reconnaissance company
- 1991-1993 Military intelligence officer
- 1993-1994 Deputy Military and Air Attaché of the Czech Republic in Belgium
- 1994-1996 Military intelligence officer
- 1996-1997 Aide-de-camp to the Director of Military Intelligence
- 1997-1999 Commander, Special Forces Brigade
- 1999-2002 Aide-de-camp to the Director of Operations, RC North, Brunssum, the Netherlands
- 2002 Deputy Commander, Mechanised Division
- 1 Dec 2002 Promoted Brigadier-General
- 2002-2003 Commander of Specialised Forces
- Jan-Apr 2003 National Military Representative in US CENTCOM, Tampa, USA and in US CENTCOM Forward, Qatar
- 2003-2005 Deputy Joint Force Commander
- 2006-2007 Deputy Director MoD Ops Division – Director of Operations Branch
- 2007-2009 Deputy Military Representative of the Czech Republic in EU, Brussels, Belgium
- 2010-2011 National Military Representative of the Czech Republic in SHAPE, Mons, Belgium
- 8 May 2010 Promoted Major-General
- 1 Jul 2011 Deputy Chief of the General Staff – Chief of Staff
- 8 May 2012 Promoted Lieutenant-General
- 1 Jul 2012 Chief of the General Staff

Decorations and Awards:

Czech Armed Forces medal, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class
Cross of Merit of the Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic 2nd & 3rd Class
Service Abroad Medal of the Minister of Defence "Kuvajt" 3rd Class
Service Abroad Medal of the Minister of Defence "Bojová mise" 3rd Class
"Service for Peace" badge
French War Cross with Bronze Star
French Order of the Legion of Honour
State Award of the Czech Republic – Medal for Heroism

Languages: English, French, Russian

Family Status: married, spouse Eva, sons Jan and Petr

Hobbies: travelling, motocycling, photographs and books