

**Major General NEYKO NENOV NENOV**  
**Commander of the Bulgarian Land Forces**



Born on November 18, 1961 in Trankovo, Yambol district, Bulgaria.

**Military career:**

1985 – 1986 Leader, Motorized infantry platoon;

1986 – 1989 Commander, Motorized infantry company;

1989 – 1992 Chief of staff, Motorized infantry battalion;

1992 – 1994 Course attendant, G. S. Rakovski National Defense Academy;

1994 – 1998 Commander, Motorized infantry battalion;

1998 – 2001 Commander, Motorized infantry regiment;

2001 – 2002 International Fellow Student, US Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania;

2002 – 2004 Chief of staff, mechanized brigade;

2004 – 2005 Commander, Light Infantry Brigade;

2005 – 2008 Commander, South Eastern Europe Brigade (SEEBRIG), stationed in Romania (as a SEEBRIG commander, in 2006, he was deployed to command the multinational brigade – Kabul which was under the command of ISAF – for 6 months )

2008 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Training, Bulgarian Land Forces Headquarters;

- Chief of Staff, Joint Operations Command;

2008 – 2010 Chief of Staff, NATO Joint Forces Training Center, Bydgoszcz, Poland;

2010 – 2011 First Deputy Chief, Bulgarian Land Forces;

2011 – 2012 Deputy Commander, Bulgarian Land Forces;

Since November 1, 2012 – Commander, Bulgarian Land Forces

**Education:**

1981 - 1985 Vasil Levski National Military Academy, Veliko Tarnovo;

1992 - 1994 Command and Staff, Operational and Tactical level, Combined arms course, G. S. Rakovski National Defense Academy;

2001 - 2002 General Staff Course, US Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania;

2007 - Master's degree in Law, St. St. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, Veliko Tarnovo

**Promotions:**

1985 Second Lieutenant;

1988 First Lieutenant;

1992 Captain;

1996 Major;

1999 Lieutenant Colonel;

2002 Colonel;

2005 Brigadier General;

2012 Major General.

**Medals and Decorations:**

Excellence Medal, presented by the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria – 1988;

Decoration of merit “Loyal Service with the colors” III class, presented by the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria – 1998;

Decoration of merit “Loyal Service with the colors” I class, presented by the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria – 2006;

Medals, presented by the General Secretary of NATO, the President of the Republic of Romania, the Defense Minister of Germany, the Defense Minister of France and the Defense Minister of Albania;

Gold Medal of the Polish Army presented by the Polish Minister of Defense;

Decoration of Merit “Contribution to the Ministry of Defense”, presented by the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria – 2011;

Army Officer's dagger, presented by the Chief of Defense, Republic of Bulgaria – 2011;

Miscellaneous awards.

**Foreign Languages:** English.

**Marital Status:** Married, with one son.