

Major General Stefan Vasilev Chief of Land Forces



Major General Vasilev is born on August 12th 1955 in the village of Zlataritsa, Veliko Tarnovo Region.

Education:

1973-1977 – “Vasil Levski” National Military Academy;
1986-1989 – War College, Russia, Command and Staff Course, Command of operational and Tactical level formations;
1999-2000 – General Staff Faculty, “G.S. Rakovski” War College;
2003 – English Language Course.

Military Career:

1977-1980 – Commander of Motor Rifle Platoon;
1980-1982 – Commander of Motor Rifle Company;
1982-1986 – Chief of Staff of Motor Rifle Battalion;
1989-1991 – Senior Assistant Chief of Operations Department, Motor Rifle Division HQ;
1991-1994 – Commander of Motor Rifle Regiment;
1994-1999 – Chief of Staff of Motor Rifle Division;
1999-2000 – “G.S. Rakovski” War College;
2000-2002 – Commander of Mechanized Brigade;
2002-2003 – Commander of Armored Brigade;
2003-2006 – Chief of Staff of the Operational Forces Command;
2006-2008 – Land Forces Assistant Chief of Staff for Training;
2008-2009 – Land Forces Chief of Staff;
2009-2010 – Pending for an assignment.

Assigned for Chief of Land Forces on September 1st 2010.

Promotions:

1977 – Second Lieutenant;
1980 – First Lieutenant;
1984 – Captain;

1989 – Major;
1993 – Lieutenant Colonel;
1996 – Colonel;
2003 – Brigadier General;
2008 – Major General.

Awards and Decorations:

1982 – Excellence Medal;
1996 – Meritorious Service Medal III degree;
2000 – Meritorious Service Medal;
2005 – Personal weapon;
2008 – Sveti Georgi Decoration I degree awarded by the Minister of Defense –
Miscellaneous awards and decorations

Languages: Russian and English.

Married, with two sons.