

## Brigadier General IVAN MIKUŽ

Brigadier General Ivan Mikuž was born on 2 November 1963 in Koper, Slovenia.

### Military career and education:

1982	graduated from military high school and enrolled in the Military Academy
1986	graduated from the Military Academy (Rocket Platoon Leader, ADA Battery, Medium Self Propelled AD Regiment (SAM 6)), Zagreb
1989	C2 Platoon Leader
1990	Battery Commander
1991 – 1993	Air Defence Staff Officer, Territorial Defence Regional Headquarters, and Executive Officer, Izola
1994 – 1996	Commander, 410 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Training Centre, Postojna
1996 – 1998	Commander, 42 <sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (mobilizable), Ilirska Bistrica
1998 – 2000	Chief of Staff, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Operations Command, Postojna
2000 – 2002	Commandant, Command and Staff School, Poljče
2002 – 2004	SAF General Staff duties: Head of Force Planning group (J5); Deputy Chief (J8); Head of Force Planning Branch (J5), Ljubljana
2004 – 2008	Head of Joint Coordination Branch (J3), JFC (Naples); Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, NATO and Deployable Joint Task Force
2008 – 2009	Head, Doctrine and Development Centre (TRADOC), Maribor
2009 – 2011	ACOS, Head, J5 Division, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana
2011 – 2012	PME - US Army War College, Carlisle PA, USA
2012 – 2013	ACOS, Head, J5 Division, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana
2013 – 2014	DCOS, Strategic Planning, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana
2014 – 2018	Defence, Air, Land, Navy and Cooperation Attaché, USA
2018	ACOS Military Policy and Strategic Planning, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana
2018 – 2019	Deputy Defence Policy Director, Ministry of Defence
2019 – 2020	Chief of Staff, SAF Force Command
2020 – 2021	DCOS Plans & Policy, SAF General Staff
2021	Slovenian Military Representative to NATO and the EU

## **Promotions:**

1986	Second Lieutenant
1987	First Lieutenant
1990	Captain
1994	Major
1998	Lieutenant Colonel
2003	Colonel
2019	Brigadier General

## **Special skills:**

- General Staff programme graduate
- Master's degree, U.S. Army War College
- NATO Strategic Leadership course and several other courses at NATO school Oberammergau
- Command and Staff School lecturer in military tactics and management
- Member of the Strategic Defence Sector Review 2009 Team (in charge of the international operations and missions and SAF command and control system)
- Member of the inter-ministerial team drafting the National Security Strategy, SAF Long Term Development Plan of 2015, 2025, 2035 and several Mid-Term Programmes (2005-10; 2011 -16; 2013-2018; 2021-2026)
- Chairman of the Land Negotiating Group with NATO
- Member of project teams and working groups of SAF and MOD, including working group to study the transition to professional manning, and Concept of Education and Training Working Group

## **Honours:**

- Gold Medal of the Slovenian Armed Forces
- Silver Medal of General Maister
- The Legion of Merit, USA
- Acknowledgments and recommendations by NATO commanding generals

## **Foreign languages:**

Fluent in English, Italian and Serbian and Croatian.

## **Hobbies:**

Cycling and military history

Brigadier General Ivan Mikuž is married to Nataša. They have a daughter Matja and a son Filip. They live in Ljubljana.