

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

Lieutenant General Josef BECVAR

born on 11 August 1958 in Pilsen, Czech Republic



Education:

1973-1977	Military High School in Moravska Trebova
1977-1981	Military College of Land Forces in Vyskov - artillery speciality
1986-1989	Postgraduate studies, Military Academy, Brno. Command-staff speciality: rocket troops and artillery
1993	Information Course of the French Gendarmerie in Melun, France
1995-1996	Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague, distance study
1998-1999	War School in Paris, France

Service career:

1981-1983	Platoon leader at rocket troops
1983-1984	Deputy Commander of a battery
1984-1985	Commander of a fire battery
1985-1986	Senior Officer at the Rocket Troops Authority
1989-1991	Senior Officer at the Artillery Staff of an armour division
1991-1993	Chief Senior Officer of the Military Police Authority
1993-1994	Deputy Commander of the Military Police Headquarters in Prague
1994-1997	Director of the Military Police Office
1997-1998	Chief of the Military Police
1998-1999	War School in France
1999-2004	Chief of the Military Police
28 Oct 2002	Conferred Brigadier General
8 May 2003	Promoted Brigadier General
2004-2007	Defence Attaché of the Czech Republic to France
1 Apr 2003	Deputy Chief of the General Staff - Chief of Staff
28 Oct 2008	Promoted Major-General
2011-2014	Defence Attaché of the Czech Republic to France
1 Aug 2014	First Deputy Chief of the General Staff
28 Aug 2014	Promoted Lieutenant-General
4 May 2015	Chief of the General Staff

Decorations and Awards:

The Medal of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic - Grades III, II, I

The Cross of Merit of the Czech Minister of Defence - Grades III, II, I

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, de Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Merite

The Honorary Badge of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic of the King Premysl Otakar II -
the King of Iron and Gold

The Medal "In Service for Nation"

Languages: English, French, Russian

Family Status: married, spouse Jana

Hobbies: horses, travelling, literature