



**Lieutenant General Leszek SURAWSKI, Ph.D.**

**Chief of the General Staff  
of the Polish Armed Forces**

**EDUCATION:**

1980 – 1984 Military Academy of Land Forces, Wrocław  
1990 – 1992 National Defense University, Warszawa  
1999 – 1999 Podlaski University, Public Administration Civil Service  
2005 – 2006 Senior Operational – Tactical Studies, Defence University, Warszawa  
2007 – 2008 Post Graduate Defence Policy Studies, National Defence University,  
Warszawa  
2011 – 2013 National Defense University, Warszawa, Ph.D. studies  
Language skills  
– English – 3,3,3,3 (STANAG 6001)

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1984–1986	Platoon Leader, 75 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Regiment, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Bartoszyce.
1986–1988	Company Commander, 75 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Regiment, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Bartoszyce.
1988–1990	Battalion Commander, 75 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Regiment, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Bartoszyce.
1992–1994	Operational Officer, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mechanized Division, Legionowo.
1994–1997	Chief of Training – Deputy Commander, 9 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Brigade, Siedlce.
1997–1998	Chief of Staff – Deputy Commander, 9 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Brigade, Siedlce.
1998–2001	Chief of Training Branch – Deputy Chief of Training Division, 15 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Olsztyn.
2001–2002	Chief of Planning, G-2 Division, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mechanized Corps, Bydgoszcz.
2002–2005	Chief of Operational Branch, G-3 Division, 16 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Elbląg (July 2004 – February 2005 operational deployment – Deputy Chief of Staff, Multinational Division Central – South in Iraq)
2006–2007	Deputy Commander, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mechanized Brigade, 12 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Budowo.
2008–2010	Commander, 20 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Brigade, 16 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division,

	Bartoszyce.
2010–2011	Deputy Chief, J3 Operational Planning Directorate, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, Warsaw.
2011-2013	Chief, J3 Operational Planning Directorate, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, Warsaw.
2013-2016	Commander of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division, Elblag.
MAR 2016 – NOV 2016	Land Forces Inspector, General Command of the Polish Armed Forces.
NOV 2016 – JAN 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Commander, General Command of the Polish Armed Forces.
FEB 2017 – Present	Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces.

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	August 1984
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	September 1987
Captain	June 1991F
Major	July 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	August 2001
Colonel	July 2006
Brigadier General	November 2008
Major General	August 2011
Lieutenant General	August 2016

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Iraq Star  
 Bronze Cross of Merit  
 Multinational Division Central – South Commemorative Medal  
 Gold Medal of the Armed Forces in the Service of the Fatherland  
 Silver Long Service Medal  
 Gold Medal of Merit for National Defence  
 Medal of Merit for Polish Society of War Veterans and Former Political Prisoners  
 Medal of Beatified Father Jerzy Popieluszko  
 Cross of Honour of the Republic of Poland Piłsudski Association

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

DOB: 18 July 1960  
 Lieutenant General Surawski is married with three children.