

BRIGADIER GENERAL PAULO NEVES DE ABREU

EUTM RCA MISSION FORCE COMMANDER



Brigadier General Paulo Manuel Simões das Neves de Abreu was born on March 13, 1964, in Praia do Ribatejo (Vila Nova da Barquinha). He was promoted to the current rank on August 07, 2020.

Graduated from Military Academy's Cavalry Course (1983-1988), he also has the Captain's Career Course (1992), the Senior Officer's Career Course (1997-1998) and the Command and General Staff Officer's Course (1998-2000) from the Institute of High Military Studies and the Flag Officer's Course (2017-2018) from the Military University Institute.

He also features other military courses, including the US Army Military Police Officer Advanced Course, US Command and General Staff Course, NATO Crisis Management Course, European Union CSDP Foundation Training Course, and the 5 + 5 Defense College Intermediate Level Course. He also holds a master's degree in military science from the Military Academy.

At the start of his career, he was placed in the 4th Cavalry Regiment, at the Military Camp of Santa Margarida (Constância), where he takes the function of Tank Platoon Leader, Deputy Tank Commander, and Tank Squadron Commander, as well as Operations Officer for air support of the Mechanized Brigade's Tank Battalion.

As a captain, he served at the Cavalry School in Santarém, where he took the function of Commander of the Training Company, Deputy Director of Studies and Training, and cumulatively, as Tactics Instructor and Director of Captain Promotion and Warrant Officer Promotion courses. He also assumed functions as Military Police Course's Director of the Armed Forces of Angola and Mozambique.

In 2000, already at the rank of major, he was placed at the Institute of Higher Military Studies, where he carried out teaching functions in the field of Tactics and Combined Joint Operations.

Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, he served as a professor in the field of operations for the Senior Officer Promotion courses, the Joint Staff course and the General Officer Promotion Course of the Institute of High Military Studies. He was appointed delegate of several working groups, in particular of the TANGO of FINABEL (2001-2003) and the Allied Joint Operations Working Group (AJOWG) of NATO (2003-2006).

Still as Lieutenant-Colonel, he took up his post as Commander of the 2nd Military Academy Cadet Battalion, and as Deputy Commander of the Cavalry School, a position he held for two years.

He was assigned to the EUFOR HQ in Italy, to the post of Personnel Branch Chief, after which he took up his post at the HQ of the Army (Lisbon), as Chief of Capacity's Department and Chief of Organization's Department of the Force Planning Division.

After being promoted to the rank of Colonel, he was appointed Military Assistant of Army Chief of Staff. In 2014, he took command of the 2nd Military Police Regiment in Lisbon, and, in 2017, he was appointed inspector at the General Inspectorate of the Army until the start of the General Officer Promotion Course.

From September 2018, he was appointed Deputy Commander of the Mechanized Brigade and assumed the command of this brigade until July 2020.

He was awarded with several decorations and commendations, namely Commendator of Avis Military Order; two Silver Distinguished Services Medals; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Military Merit Medals; 1st and 2nd Class D.Afonso Henriques – Army Merit Medals; Gold and Silver Class Behavior Medals; Campaign Medal and EUFOR Medal.

The Brigadier General Paulo Neves de Abreu is married and has two daughters.