



Lieutenant General Vasile TOADER

Military Representative of Romania to NATO and the EU

Personal data:

Date of birth: November 16th, 1965;
Place of birth: Buzău, Buzău County;
Nationality: Romanian;
Civilian status: Married, two children;
Hobbies: History, sport (tennis, jogging).

Lieutenant General Vasile TOADER joined the Romanian Military Air Force in August 1987 when he graduated the Military School for Air Force Officers as an Air Traffic Controller at the rank of lieutenant.

From 1987 to 1993, he was appointed to Approach Control at 20th Fighter-Bomber Training Group, where he performed his duties till entering the High Military Studies Academy, in Bucharest. He graduated in 1995 and returned to the same Air Force Group where he was assigned as Air Operations Officer.

In 1999, he was promoted to Air Operations Officer in the Romanian Air Force Headquarters, in Bucharest. He was appointed afterwards to other positions as Planning Branch Head, Current Air Operations Branch Head and Chief Air Operations at the Air Force HQ. His duties included planning, command and control, combat assessments, exercises and interoperability of the air forces.

He was assigned in operational tours in Africa, as UN Observer in DR of Congo; in Ankara/Turkey as Air Operations Officer at Multinational Movement Coordination Center for ISAF II; at NATO Air Component Command, Izmir/Turkey as Air Operations Officer and NRF Section Head; and Afghanistan as Air Operations Group Commander at Kabul International Airport for NATO ISAF.

In 2012, he graduated the Senior Leadership Course at the National Defence University and in 2014 he was assigned to the Romanian Joint Force Command as Support Operations Branch Head. In 2015, he was promoted as Commander of the National Military Command Center (Nucleus), being mainly responsible of current operations and crisis preparedness at the national level. In 2016, he graduated the Security and Good Governance Course at the National Defence College.

On 1st of December 2016, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Between March and August 2017, he was assigned as the Deputy Commander of the Romanian Joint Force Command, being responsible for operational evaluation, deployment and support of the Romanian Military Forces in missions abroad. In May 2017, he attended the Generals, Flag Officers and Ambassadors' Course held at NATO Defense College in Rome. Starting with August 2017, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Defense for Operations and Training within Defence Staff, being responsible for combat readiness, command and control, strategic

planning, training, exercises, special forces and CIS. In February 2020 he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Defence of Romanian Armed Forces and was promoted at the rank of lieutenant general in the same year.

Since 15th of May 2021, Lieutenant General Toader is appointed as the Military Representative of Romania to NATO and the EU in Brussels, Belgium.

Among other national and international awards, he received the National Orders of Merit in rank of Knight and Officer, the National Order for Loyal Service in rank of Knight, the Order for Military Virtue in rank of Knight and the NATO Meritorious Service Medal.

He is married to Liliana, a former military helicopter pilot, and they have two children.