



Admiral Emil Eftimov
Chief of Defence

Admiral Emil Eftimov was born on 16 August 1961 in the town of Varna.

Education:

1979 – Mathematics High School, Varna 1979-1984 – “Nikola Vaptsarov” Naval Academy, Varna

1992-1994 – “N.G.Kuznetsov” Naval Academy, Saint Petersburg, Russia

2001 – English Language Training Course, Military Academy of Hungary

2004-2005 – U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island

2012 – Senior Officers Course, NATO School Oberammergau, Germany

2012 – Flag Officers and Ambassadors Course, NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy

Military Career:

1984–1985 – Navigation Officer, Frigate Class Ship

1985–1988 – Anti-submarine Officer, Frigate Class Ship

1988-1991 – Executive Officer, Frigate Class Ship

1991-1992 – Commanding Officer of Frigate Class Ship

1992-1994 – Student at “N.G.Kuznetsov” Naval Academy, Saint Petersburg, Russia

1994-1995 – Anti-submarine Officer, Patrol Ships Squadron

1995-2000 – Chief of Staff of 1st Patrol Ships Squadron, Varna Naval Base

2000-2001 – Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Operational and Combat Training Section, Varna Naval Base

2001-2003 – Commander of 1st Patrol Ships Squadron, Varna Naval Base

2003-2004 – Deputy Commander for Forces Training, Varna Naval Base

2004-2005 – Student at U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island

2005-2006 – Chief of Forces Training and Employment Division, Navy HQ

2006-2009 – Chief of Staff, Varna Naval Base

2009-2011 – Commander of Varna Naval Base

2011-2013 – Deputy Director of Cooperation and Regional Security Division, International Military Staff, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium

2013-2016 – Director of Cooperation and Regional Security Division, International Military Staff, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium

2016–2017 – Deputy Chief of Defence

19 January – 08 March 2017 – Acting Chief of Defence

08 March 2017 - 02 March 2020 Deputy Chief of Defence

02 March 2020 - 03 April 2020 Acting Chief of Defence

03 April 2020 - Chief of Defence

Promotions:

1984 – Second Lieutenant

1987 – First Lieutenant

1991 – Lieutenant

1996 – Lieutenant Commander

1999 - Commander

2003 – Captain (N)

2009 – Commodore

2013 – Rear Admiral

2016 – Vice Admiral

2020 – Admiral

Awards and Decorations:

All awards and decorations that are presented for excellent service to the various ranks, including the MoD Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service under the Colours and Medal of Honour “St. George the Victor”.

Foreign Languages:

Admiral Eftimov is fluent in English and Russian.

Marrital Status:

Married, with two children.