

KIVINEN, Timo Pekka

General, Master of Arts in International Relations
Chief of Defence Finland

Date and place of birth

8th December 1959 in Lappeenranta, Finland

Family

Spouse Maarit Kivinen, four children

Military education and career

Chief of Defence	1.8.2019 -
Chief of Defence Command	2017 - 2019
Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategy, Defence Command	2015 - 2017
Special Assignment, Defence Command	2014
Generals, Flag Officers & Ambassadors Course, NATO Defence College	2012
Commander, Karelia Brigade	2011 - 2014
Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Policy Division, Defence Command	2009 - 2010
Royal College of Defence Studies, UK	2008
High Command Course	2007
National Defence Course	2006
Head of Department and Vice President, National Defence University	2004 - 2007
International Visitors Programme, USA	2003
Commander, Utti Jaeger Regiment	2001 - 2004
Finnish Defence Attaché in Austria, Hungary (resident) and Ukraine	1998 - 2001
Deputy Commanding Officer, Finnish Jaeger Battalion in SFOR	1997 - 1998
United Nation Staff Officer Course, Sweden	1996
Senior Staff Officer, Defence Command	1994 - 1997
Assistant Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff, Uusimaa Jaeger Battalion	1993 - 1994
War College	1991 - 1993
Staff Officer, Helsinki Military District Headquarters	1988 - 1991
Company Commander, Uusimaa Jaeger Battalion	1987 - 1988
Infantry Captain Course	1986 - 1987
Instructor, Army Academy, Lappeenranta	1985 - 1986
US Army Airborne and Ranger Courses, USA	1983
Instructor, Uusimaa Battalion	1982 - 1985
Military Academy	1979 - 1982

Promotions

General	1 Aug 2019		
Lieutenant General	2016	Major	1992
Major General	2014	Captain	1989
Brigadier General	2010	Senior Lieutenant	1984
Colonel	2004	Lieutenant	1982
Lieutenant Colonel	1998	Second Lieutenant	1979

Military Decorations

Cross of Liberty, 1st Class with grand star
Commander of the Lion of Finland
Medal for Military Merits

