



VICE ADMIRAL MITKO ALEXANDROV PETEV
BULGARIAN NATIONAL MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO MC AND EUMC

Vice Admiral Mitko A. Petev, Bulgarian Navy, is a native of Shumen, Bulgaria, and was born on 30 March 1965.

Vice Admiral Petev is a distinguished graduate of the Bulgarian Naval Academy in Varna, Bulgaria where he got two Master Degrees - Master of Science in Electronics (1989) and Master of Science in Navigation (1995). His commission as a Surface Warfare Officer from the Bulgarian Naval Academy was on 20 August 1989.

From 1989 to 1992, he served as SAM Weapons Officer on board of KONI class frigate BGS SMELI in Varna Naval Base followed by seagoing assignments on the same ship as Executive Officer (1992-95) and Commanding Officer (1995-98).

In 1998, Vice Admiral Petev was attended the U.S. Naval Staff College at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI, USA. Next year 1999, he graduated from U.S. Joint Forces Command College in Norfolk, VA, USA.

In 1999, Vice Admiral Petev reported to the operational level staff of Varna Naval Base Headquarters as a Senior Assistant, Operations.

Vice Admiral Petev was selected for multinational joint staff duty in NATO and from June 2000 to July 2002, he held a position as a Joint Exercise Planning Staff Officer in the NATO Strategic Allied Command, Atlantic (SACLANT) in Norfolk, VA, USA (now NATO Strategic Allied Command Transformation).

Upon completion of his tour in NATO, Vice Admiral Mitko Petev was appointed at the Bulgarian Navy Headquarters in Varna as a Senior Staff Officer, Operations in 2002 and from 2003 to 2006, he was a Deputy Head of the N-3 "Operations" department in the Bulgarian Navy Headquarters.

He assumed again a command at sea as Squadron Commander of the First Patrol Frigate and Corvettes Squadron in Varna Naval Base from June 2006 to July 2007.

In August 2007, Vice Admiral Petev reported as a student to the U.S. Naval Command College at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI, USA and graduated with distinction in 2008.

In 2008, Vice Admiral Petev was appointed as Deputy Operational Commander of Varna Naval Base and in 2009, he received an assignment in the Bulgarian Navy Headquarters as Chief of N-7 "Force Employment and Training" department. In October 2010, he assumed the position of Assistant to the Chief of Bulgarian Navy for Training and Operations and in June 2011 - Chief of Staff of Bulgarian Naval Forces Command.

In December 2011, he assumed an operational command as a Commander of Bourgas Naval Base and promoted to flag officer rank of Commodore.

In June 2014, he was appointed as Commandant of Rakovski National Defence College in Sofia and promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral.

From 30 June 2015 until 23 June 2019, Vice Admiral Petev held the position of the Commander of Bulgarian Navy.

Since 2019, he is assigned as National Military Representative to MC NATO and MC EU.

Vice Admiral Petev was awarded by the Minister of Defense of Bulgaria (1995), three times by the Chief of the General Staff of Bulgarian Armed Forces (1996, 2002, 2006), three times by the Chief of the Bulgarian Navy (1992, 1998, 2004) and is decorated with Bulgarian Military Merit Cross III Class (2005), Medal for Outstanding Military Service I Class (2009), and Bulgarian Military Merit Cross I Class (2018).

Vice Admiral Mitko Petev is married and has two sons.

EDUCATION

1984 Graduated from German Language Highschool, Varna, Bulgaria

1989 Master Degree in Electronics, Bulgarian Naval Academy, Varna, Bulgaria

1995 Master Degree in Navigation, Bulgarian Naval Academy, Varna, Bulgaria

1998 Graduated from U.S. Naval Staff College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA

1999 Graduated from U.S. Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, USA

2008 Graduated from U.S. Naval Command College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA

MILITARY CAREER DEVELOPMENT

1989 Commissioned as Surface Warfare Officer, SAM Weapons Office, FFG "Smeli"

1993 Executive Officer, FFG "Smeli"

1995 Commanding Officer, FFG "Smeli"

1999 Senior Assistant, Operations, Varna Naval Base Headquarters

2000 Joint Exercise Planning Staff Officer, NATO Strategic Allied Command, Atlantic (SACLANT) in Norfolk, VA, USA

2002 Senior Staff Officer, Operations, N-3 "Operations" Department, HQ Bulgarian Navy

2003 Deputy Chief, N-3 "Operations" Department, HQ Bulgarian Navy

2006 Commander, First Patrol Frigate and Corvettes Squadron, Varna Naval Base

2008 Deputy Commander for Training, Varna Naval Base

2009 Chief, N-7 "Force Employment and Training" Department, Bulgarian Navy Headquarters

2010 Assistant to the Chief of Bulgarian Navy for Training and Operations

Jun 2011 Chief of Staff, Bulgarian Naval Forces Command

Dec 2011 Commander, Bourgas Naval Base

2014 Commandant, Rakovski National Defence College

2015 Commander of Bulgarian Navy

2019 National Military Representative to MC NATO and MC EU