

## Brigadier General IVAN MIKUŽ



Brigadier General Ivan Mikuž was born on 2 November 1963 in Koper, Slovenia.

### **Military career and education:**

1982 – graduated from military high school and enrolled in the Military Academy

1986 – graduated from the Military Academy (Rocket Platoon Leader, ADA Battery, Medium Self Propelled AD Regiment (SAM 6)), Zagreb

1989 – C2 Platoon Leader

1990 – Battery Commander

1991 – 1993 Air Defence Staff Officer, Territorial Defence Regional Headquarters, and Executive Officer, Izola

1994 – 1996 Commander, 410<sup>th</sup> Infantry Training Centre, Postojna

1996 – 1998 Commander, 42<sup>nd</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (mobilizable), Ilirska Bistrica

1998 – 2000 Chief of Staff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Operations Command, Postojna

2000 – 2002 Commandant, Command and Staff School, Poljče

2002 – 2004 SAF General Staff duties: Head of Force Planning group (J5); Deputy Chief (J8); Head of Force Planning Branch (J5), Ljubljana

2004 – 2008 Head of Joint Coordination Branch (J3), JFC (Naples); Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, NATO and Deployable Joint Task Force

2008 – 2009 Head, Doctrine and Development Centre (TRADOC), Maribor

2009 – 2011 ACOS, Head, J5 Division, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana

2011 – 2012 PME - US Army War College, Carlisle PA, USA

2012 – 2013 ACOS, Head, J5 Division, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana

2013 – 2014 DCOS, Strategic Planning, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana

2014 – 2018 Defence, Air, Land, Navy and Cooperation Attaché, USA

2018 – ACOS Military Policy and Strategic Planning, SAF General Staff, Ljubljana

2018 – 2019 Deputy Defence Policy Director, Ministry of Defence

2019 – 2020 Chief of Staff, SAF Force Command

2020 – 2021 DCOS Plans & Policy, SAF General Staff

2021 – Slovenian Military Representative to NATO and the EU

**Promotions:**

1986	Second Lieutenant
1987	First Lieutenant
1990	Captain
1994	Major
1998	Lieutenant Colonel
2003	Colonel
2019	Brigadier General

**Special skills:**

- General Staff programme graduate
- Master's degree, U.S. Army War College
- NATO Strategic Leadership course and several other courses at NATO school Oberammergau
- Command and Staff School lecturer in military tactics and management
- Member of the Strategic Defence Sector Review 2009 Team (in charge of the international operations and missions and SAF command and control system)
- Member of the inter-ministerial team drafting the National Security Strategy, SAF Long Term Development Plan of 2015, 2025, 2035 and several Mid-Term Programmes (2005-10; 2011 -16; 2013-2018; 2021-2026)
- Chairman of the Land Negotiating Group with NATO
- Member of project teams and working groups of SAF and MOD, including working group to study the transition to professional manning, and Concept of Education and Training Working Group

**Honours:**

- Gold Medal of the Slovenian Armed Forces
- Silver Medal of General Maister
- The Legion of Merit, USA
- Acknowledgments and recommendations by NATO commanding generals

**Foreign languages:**

Fluent in English, Italian and Serbian and Croatian

Hobbies:

cycling and military history

Brigadier General Mikuž Ivan is married to Nataša. They have a daughter Matja and a son Filip. They live in Ljubljana.