

## Colonel Augustin Emilian CHIREA

### Deputy Chief of Strategic Planning Directorate -SPD



Col. Emilian Chirea was born on 24 August 1970 in BALS/Romania. He early joined military and graduated Military College Dimitrie Cantemir in 1988, then he graduated the Field Artillery Officer Military School Ioan Vodă /SIBIU, class 1991.

His first assignment as Lieutenant was the CO for an artillery firing platoon within Artillery Regiment / MECH Division / Army HQ.

He was promoted to captain in 1995 and appointed as antitank platoon leader within the 26<sup>th</sup> Inf BN / Inf BDE (well known as Red Scorpions). After completion of the Officer Advanced Course in 1997, he was promoted as AT Coy Commander. In 2001 he was assigned as the battalion Arty Firing Coordinating officer within the same Bn. In 2002 he was deployed six months in KOSOVO in KFOR mission.

In 2004 he was assigned as OPS staff officer in Inf BN HQ, deployed at Al Nasiriya in Irak for Antica Babylonia Operation, during a seven months tour of duty.

In the same year, after attending Brigade Staff Officer Course, he was assigned as staff officer/INF BDE HQ. Soon after, in 2005 he was redeployed for six months in Afghanistan, within Combined TF Unit.

In 2006 he started a full master degree program in National Security Studies at Romanian National Defence University, he graduated class 2008. His thesis was on the importance of Black Sea strategic resources and the Romanian interests.

He was appointed by July 2010, staff officer / SPD/ ROU GS. He graduated Joint Advance Officer Course in ROU NDU in JUL 2009.

In August 2010 he was posted as a staff officer in the Romanian Military Representation to NATO and EU, Bruxelles/ BEL. He served until 2014 when he returned to SPD/ ROU General Staff

In 2016 he was promoted as a Colonel and served for seven months in CAT-A/ SHAPE, MONS as the coordinating officer for tFP team. Later on, in October 2017 was appointed as branch head within Strategic Planning in the General Staff.

He graduated the National War College at NDU in Washington DC, class 2019. His master degree thesis was *Enabling Romania as US Regional Strategic Shoulder*.

He participated at various multinational events and exercises inter alia: Immediate Response, Novo Selo-Bulgaria, trilateral: USA, ROU, BGR in JUN 2006; Balcanic Guardian, Craiova- Romania, bilateral: USA, ROU, BGR, JUN 2005; PELENDAVA 2001 Craiova- Romania, bilateral: ROU, GRE, JUN 2001.

Additionally to his military education, he earned in 2001 a college degree in Mechanics and Vehicle Design from the FACULTY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, University of Craiova.

He was awarded with the national honor medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and NATO Non-Article 5 medals.

Since September 2020 he has been promoted on the current position.

He is married with Geanina, and they have a daughter.