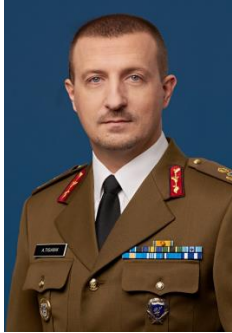


Brigadier General Artur Tiganik

Deputy Commander of Estonian Defence Forces



BG Artur Tiganik was born on 13 January 1971 in Tallinn, Estonia.

After graduating from the Basic Officers' Course in Ryazan Airborne Military Academy, Soviet Union, he returned to Estonia and commanded units from platoon level up to battalion of the Kalev Single Infantry Battalion since 1992 to 2000. After graduating from Baltic Defence College (Estonia) he continued his career as Commander of Scouts Battalion from 2001 to 2004. In 2005, he was appointed to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan as CJ3 Staff Officer.

Between 2005 and 2006 BG Tiganik was Chief of the Training Department in the Estonian National Defence College. From 2006 to 2009 he served as Brigade Commander of the 1st Infantry Brigade.

From 2009 to 2012 he commanded Land Forces HQ as Chief of Staff and in 2012 he was assigned to the position of Land Forces Commander.

BG Artur Tiganik was appointed Deputy Chief of Estonian Defence Forces since August 1st, 2014.

His military education includes studies at the Army War College in the United States of America and several courses as the NATO Senior Officers Strategic Communication Familiarization course and the Multinational Forces Orientation Course in the NATO School in Germany, the CJTF Operations Planning Course in Belgium, the International Battalion Commanders' Course in Norway, the Joint Command and General Staff Course in the Baltic Defence College in Estonia, the Battalion Commanders' Course in Denmark and the Officers' Basic Course in Ryazan Airborne Military Academy in the Soviet Union.

Throughout his career, BG Tiganik has received numerous decorations: Order of the Cross of the Eagle (IV class), Distinguished Service Decoration of the EDF, Meritorious Service Cross of the EDF, Memorial Medal "10 Years of the Re-Established Defence Forces", Home Guard Harju District Medal of Merit, NATO Medal for the NATO ISAF Mission in Afghanistan, Estonian Land Forces Officers Colden Cross of Merit, MoD Medal of Participants in International Military Operations, Land Forces HQ Medal of Merit, 1st Infantry Brigade Medal of Merit, Scouts Battalion Medal of Merit among others.

In addition to the Estonian language BG Tiganik is fluent in Russian and English.

He is married with one daughter.

His hobbies are ice hockey, skating and motor cycling.