



Chief of Staff Headquarters Multinational Corps South-East (HQ MNC-SE)

Major-General Constantin NICOLAESCU, PhD

Major-General Constantin NICOLAESCU was assigned Chief of Staff of Headquarters Multinational Corps South-East (HQ MNC-SE) on the 1 September 2024.

Major-General Constantin NICOLAESCU was born in 1973 in Craiova, Dolj, Romania. In 1987 he started his military career at the “Dimitrie Cantemir” Military College, in Breaza. In 1991 he attended military studies at the Romanian Land Forces Academy, graduating as an Infantry Officer.

In 1995, as a young 1st Lieutenant, Major-General Nicolaescu was appointed as a Reconnaissance Platoon Leader within the 23rd Armoured Battalion. Promoted to the rank of Captain in 2003, he was then appointed as a Company Commander within the same battalion.

In 2004, after graduating the Military Paratroopers Course, Major-General Nicolaescu started a new career path within the first Romanian Special Operations Force Battalion. His assignments included Staff Officer - S2 Intelligence Branch, Intel-Analysis Cell Head and Company Commander of the 1st SOF Company. Promoted to the rank of Major in 2008, he was then appointed as the Deputy Battalion Commander. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2011. In 2012, he was appointed as the Commander of the 620 SOF Battalion.

In 2015, Major-General Nicolaescu was promoted to Colonel and in 2016 he was assigned as the Chief of Staff, 6th SOF Brigade “Mihal Viteazul”. In 2018, once the Special Operations Forces Command was established, Major-General Nicolaescu was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Support and after two months he was appointed as the Chief of Staff of the Headquarters Special Operations Forces. In October 2018, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Training and Doctrine Section within the Land Forces Headquarters.

In October 2019, Major-General Nicolaescu was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, for the newest NATO headquarters established in Romania, Headquarters Multinational Corps South-East. On November 19, 2020, Major-General Nicolaescu was appointed to the position as Brigade Commander, at Multinational Brigade South-East, located in Craiova.

Starting with 23th of April 2025 was promoted to the current rank.

Major-General Nicolaescu has deployed in three missions abroad; Afghanistan 2006, as a Liaison Officer, Iraq 2009 as a Special Operations Forces Training Team Leader and Afghanistan 2013-2014 as the Commander of the Romanian Special Operations Task Group.

Major-General Nicolaescu is a graduate of the Advanced Officers Course, Command Staff College at the National Defence University “Carol 1”, postgraduate studies includes “Professional Development in the Land Forces Management” and “Strategic Leadership”. In 2019 he graduated from National Defence University “Carol 1” with a Doctorate of Philosophy title in Military Sciences. Since 2017, he has been an Associate Professor with the same institution. He holds a civilian bachelor’s degree in Economics, Legal’s and Administrative Sciences awarded by “Petru Maior” University from Tîrgu Mureş. Major-General Nicolaescu is proficient in English.

Major-General Nicolaescu has been awarded the *Knight of the Order “Military Virtue”*, the NATO “*Non Article 5*” Medal, the “*Honour Medal of the Romanian Army*”, the “*Honour Medal of the Romanian Defence Staff*”, the “*Honour Medal of the Romanian Land Forces*”, the US “*Medal of Merit*”, and *Long Service Honorary Medals* for 15, 20 and 25 years.

He is married and has one daughter.