



**Lieutenant General (ret.) Tomiță-Cătălin TOMESCU** retired on February 28th, 2022 from the position of the commandant of the Southeast Multinational Corps (MNC-SE) where he had been appointed on July 15, 2020. Prior to his appointment in this position, Lt.Gen. TOMESCU coordinated the process of establishment and development of this structure on the national territory, as president of the Coordination Committee for the establishment of HQ MNC-SE.

He became an officer in 1985, after graduating from the "Mihai Viteazul" Military School for tank and car officers as first in his year, and attended the Academy of High Military Studies, which he graduated in 1993. He held numerous command and staff positions and was responsible for the training, operationalization and participation of the structures of the

Land Forces in missions and exercises with multinational character, in the country and outside the national territory.

He started his career as a commander in 2000, being appointed commander of the 341st Infantry Battalion from Topraisar, a unit dedicated to SEEBRIG (South East European Brigade). Under his command, the unit became operational in 2002. In 2006, he became the commander of the 282nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade and led the process of operationalization, national certification and NATO certification of this prestigious unit, the first Romanian unit certified in 2007 as a structure NATO High Readiness Brigade. In December 2013 he was appointed commander of the 1st Infantry Division

"DACICA" and coordinated the first stage of the process of transforming the command of this structure into a multinational command of the NATO force structure (HQ MND-SE).

He held positions in international structures, including: director for Coalition operations and deputy of the head of the Strategic Planning Directorate at the Multinational Force Command in the Theater of Operations Iraq (MNF-I), deputy of the Permanent Military Representation of Romania to NATO and the EU, NATO HQ in Brussels, deputy commander of the Istanbul Rapid Reaction Corps (NRDCT), part of the NATO force structure.

He fulfilled the position of deputy of the Instruction and Doctrine Directorate of the General Staff, director of the Special Directorate of the General Secretariat of the Government of Romania, a position he held until February 2019, when he was appointed Deputy Secretary General in the Ministry of National Defense.

Lt.Gen. TOMESCU is a master's graduate (2008) in the European Public Space, at the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA) from Bucharest, and since 2010 he is a doctor in Military Sciences of the "Carol I" National Defense University, Bucharest. The post-doctorate scientific research paper was realized through the publication of the book "Revolution in Military Affairs during post-Cold War period. Transformation within NATO".

Lt.Gen. TOMESCU was awarded numerous national and international decorations and distinctions, among which: the national order "Faithful Service" in the rank of Knight, the honorary sign "For the Service of the Fatherland" Order for 25 years of service, US Legion of Merit as an officer, Cross of Merit of the Ministry of Defense of Estonia, Commemorative Cross of the Ministry of Defense of Italy, the last three awards being granted to him for the activity carried out in TO Iraq.

Lt.Gen. TOMESCU speaks French and English fluently.

He is married and has two daughters.