

BriGen Athanasios Gkanas CV



Brigadier General Athanasios Gkanas was born in Athens, Hellas (Greece) on the 24th of February 1964. He was admitted to the Airforce Academy in 1982, graduated in 1986 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant Pilot.

He was promoted as follows:

- Lieutenant : 1989
- Captain: 1993
- Major: 1998
- Lieutenant Colonel: 2003
- Colonel: 2010
- Brigadier General: 2017

BGen Gkanas' duty and command assignments include:

- May 2017 – Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Transformation Directorate, Director
- May 2015 – 114 Combat Wing Commander
- May 2014 – 114 Combat Wing Deputy Commander
- July 2011 - Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Operations Directorate, Targeting Head
- March 2011 - JFC HQ NAPLES, Operation Unified Protector, Operations Joint Synchronization and Execution Cell (JSEC) Head
- February 2010 - JFC HQ NAPLES, Joint Synchronization and Execution Branch (JSEB), NRF & Operations Head

- July 2008 - JFC HQ NAPLES, J3, Air Operations, TST Targeteer
- July 2006 - 114 Combat Wing, Flight Safety Head
- June 2003 - Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Air Defence Directorate, Staff Officer
- Sep 2000 - 114 Combat Wing, Standardization & Evaluation Head
- June 1997 - 114 Combat Wing, 332 SQ, Flight Lead
- June 1990 - 114 Combat Wing, 332 SQ, Pilot
- June 1986 - 114 Combat Wing, 342 SQ, Pilot

BGen Gkanas' has a total of 3500 flight hours of which 2600 as a fighter pilot. He has flown T-41D, T-37B/C, T-2E, T-33A/B, F-1 CG, Mirage 2000.

He attended successfully all national schools for airforce pilots, the Squadron Officers School (SOS) in Montgomery Alabama, USA, and is a graduate of the Hellenic Joint War College. He has attended the NATO "Targeting" course in Oberammergau Germany and holds a MA in International studies of UK Reading University.

BGen Gkanas' military awards include the Medal for Military Valour (A Class), the Golden Cross of the Order of Merit, the Golden Cross of the Order of Phoenix, the Army Meritorious Command Commendation Medal (A Class), the Army Meritorious Formation Command Commendation Medal (C Class), the Staff Officer Service Commendation Medal (A Class) and the NATO Medal for the Service with NATO on Operation Unified Protector (OUP).

Brigadier General Athanasios Gkanas speaks English fluently.

He is married to Anna dorkofiki-Gkanas and have two sons, Dimitrios (29 years old) a graduate of the Accounting Department of the Athens Technical Education Institute and Ioannis (22 years old) a certified nurse of the Athens Technical Education Institute.