

## **Major General Iulian BERDILĂ**

MG Iulian BERDILĂ was appointed Chief of the Romanian Land Forces Staff on the 26th of March 2020. A native of Galați, Galați County, he graduated from the Field Artillery Officers School, Sibiu in 1992. His first assignment was as multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) platoon leader at the 16th Artillery Regiment. One year later, he joins the 2nd Infantry Battalion “Calugăreni” as antitank platoon leader, fires support officer and then antitank battery commander.

During his service, he fulfilled several joint and multinational staff assignments, as the Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in the 2nd Infantry Division, G-5 for the Land Component Command, Aide-de-Camp for the Chief of the Romanian General Staff and NATO integration planner for the Romanian Land Forces. His operational experience includes deployments in Multi-National Force Iraq as Coalition operations planner in 2006 and in ISAF Afghanistan, as Battalion Commander with 1st Mechanized Brigade in Zabul Province in 2011. His previous command assignments include Commander of Headquarters Multinational Division South-East (2019-2020), Head of Strategic Planning Directorate (2017-2019), Commander of 81st Mechanized Brigade "General Grigore Bălan" (2015-2017), Commander of 2nd Infantry Battalion "Călugăreni" (2010-2012). MG BERDILĂ holds a Bachelor of Science (BS) from the Romanian Land Forces Academy, a Master of Military Arts and Science (MMAS) degree in Theater Operations from the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies since 2005. He also earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the US Army War College in 2014. He attended several career courses to include the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, USA in 2004, the US Army Field Artillery Captain's Career Course in 2000 and the US Army Officer Basic Course in 1996, both in Fort Sill, USA. His national awards and decorations include the Romanian Military Command Virtue in Knight Rank, the Honor of Romanian Army (war signs) Emblem, the Honor of Romanian Army (in peacetime) Emblem, the In Service of Peace Merit Emblem and the Land Forces Emblem of Honor.

His allied and multinational awards and decorations are the NATO Non-Article V Medal, the US Bronze Star and the US Army Commendation Medal. He is married to Aurelia for more than twenty five years, and they have one son, Cristian-Stefan.