

REAR ADMIRAL KIRIL MIHAYLOV

COMMANDER OF THE BULGARIAN NAVY



Rear Admiral Kiril Mihaylov was born on 19 July 1966 in Sofia, Bulgaria. His military career started in 1984 at the Bulgarian Army as a conscript. He joined the "Nikola Vaptsarov" Naval Academy in 1985 in Varna, Bulgaria. After his commission as a Naval Officer in 1990 he served at sea in various operational billets on board corvettes. He was successively appointed as Weapons officer and Executive officer on board BGS "Bodri". He served as Commanding officer of BGS "Bodri" from 1995 to 1996 and later on of BGS "Reshitelni" from 1996 to 1999. Rear Admiral Mihaylov attended the US Naval Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island and US Armed (Joint) Forces Staff College in 2000 in Norfolk, Virginia. On completion, he was appointed again as a Commanding officer of BGS "Reshitelni" from 2000 to 2001. Following his second command tour, he was assigned to various staff positions in First Patrol Ships Squadron in Varna Naval Base and HQ Varna Naval Base. He was assigned to the Navy HQ, Operations department from 2003 to 2006. During this period, Rear Admiral Mihaylov was appointed to be in command of the Bulgarian Navy task group in charge of receiving the submarine rescue ship "Proteo" from the Italian Navy in La Spezia, Italy in 2004. His first long term assignment abroad was to the Bulgarian National Military Representative's Office at SHAPE, Belgium, where he served as a staff officer from 2006 to 2009. On completion of his international tour, he assumed command of First Patrol Ships Squadron (frigates and corvettes) in Varna Naval Base from 2009 to 2011. He was promoted to Captain (N) in 2011 and appointed as Head of Force Employment and Training Department at HQ Bulgarian Navy. From 2012 to 2013 he attended US Naval War College - Newport, Rhode Island, and he is Naval Command College class of 2013 graduate. Following his graduation, he continued serving as Head of Force Employment and Training Department at HQ Bulgarian Navy in Varna until June 2014. As of 30 June 2014 he was promoted to Commodore and assigned to the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence where he assumed the position of the Director of Operations and Training Directorate, which he held until 30th November 2015. Starting from the 01 December 2015 he was appointed to SHAPE as Bulgarian National Military Representative and promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on 01 May 2016.

With a Decree by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 23 June 2019 he assumed his current position as a Commander of the Bulgarian Navy

Rear Admiral Mihaylov has attended various professional development courses. His more significant NATO engagements include three months operational posting to Allied Maritime Command Naples in 2004 and chairmanship of the NATO National Reserve Forces Committee from 2014 until 2016.

Rear Admiral Kiril Mihaylov is married to Silviya Mihaylova, and they have two grown up sons.