



Commander of Air Component Command, PhD

Air Flotilla General Valerică VRĂJESCU was born on 3th July 1967 in Tecuci, Galați County. He graduated from “Ștefan cel Mare” Military High School, in Câmpulung Moldovenesc, in 1985, and the Military School for Commissioned Officers “Aurel Vlaicu”, in 1989.

Air Flotilla General Valerică VRĂJESCU was subsonic airplane pilot from 1989 to 1990, and then he became helicopter pilot, starting on IAR-316 Alouette, and continuing with IAR-330 Puma. He is instructor pilot on IAR-330 Puma. He has over 2000 flying hours logged as an helicopter pilot.

Since December 2021 he is Commander of Air Component Command. Between 2013 to 2018 he performed the duties of the Commander of 95th Air Flotilla. In 2005 he was deployed as the Helicopter Detachment Leader within ALTHEA Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Air Flotilla General Valerică VRĂJESCU’s education and training include the Air War College, USA and a PhD in Military Science and Intelligence.

Air Flotilla General Valerică VRĂJESCU is married and has a son.

APPOINTMENTS:

December 2021 - Commander of Air Component Command;
August 2nd 2021- Air Operational Component Commander and Deputy Chief ROAF Chief of Staff;
2018-2021 - Deputy Chief of Joint Forces Headquarter;
2013-2018 - Commander of 95 Air Flotilla, Bacău;
2011-2013 - Deputy in Chief , 95 Air Flotilla, Bacău;
2010-2011 - Flight Chief Instructor, 95 Air Flotilla, Bacău;
2008-2010 - Helicopter Group Commander, 90 Air Flotilla, Otopeni;
2005-2006 - “Bravo” Helicopter Detachment Leader, ALTHEA Mission, BH;
2004-2008 - Helicopter Squadron Leader, 90 Air Base, Otopeni;
2002-2004 - Flight Instructor , 61 Air Base, Boteni;
1991-2000 - Chief Pilot and Flight Leader, 183 Helicopter Squadron, Tecuci;
1990-1991 - Helicopter Pilot, 94 Helicopter Regiment, Alexeni;
1989-1990 - Subsonic Airplane Pilot, 131 Air Squadron, 49 Air Regiment, Ianca.

PROMOTIONS:

- 2017 – Air Flotilla General
- 2009 – Commander (Col AF)
- 2005 – Captain Commander (Lt Col AF)
- 2001 – Lieutenant Commander (Maj AF)
- 1995 – Captain
- 1989 – Lieutenant

EDUCATION:

- 2018 - Post-graduate course „Security and good governance”, Romanian National Defense College;
- 2015 - PhD in Military Science and Information;
- 2013 - Public Affair Course for Commanders;
- 2011 - Air War College, USA;
- 2008 - Post-Academic Course for Advanced Air Leadership, National Defense University;
- 2007 - Post-Academic Course in Movement and Transport Logistic Management, Polytech Un.;
- 2007 - Combat Search and Rescue Course, Belgium;
- 2007 - Advanced English Language Course, National Defense University;

- 2004 - Advanced Joint Operation Staff Officers Course, National Defense University;
- 2003 - Joint Military Studies for Military Leaders;
- 2002 - Academy for Advanced Military Studies, Joint Faculty, Combined Armed Section;
- 2000 - Intensive English Language Course;
- 1995 - Flight Instructors and Flight Leaders Course;
- 1989 - "Aurel Vlaicu" Military School of Aviation, officers, flight branch.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

„În slujba păcii clasa a II- a”- 2nd class, 2017;
 „Militar Veteran” - onorific title, 2016;
 „În Serviciul Patriei” title for 25 years of activity, 2014;
 „Virtutea Aeronautică în grad de Cavaler” order in rank of military, 2012;
 „Emblema de onoare” - Air Forces, 2011;
 „În Serviciul Patriei”, title for 20 years of activity, 2009;
 „Emblema de onoare” - General Staff, 2008;
 „Pilot militar clasa I”- onorific medal, silver made, 2005;
 The European Security Defence Policy Service Medal, Althea, 2005;
 „În Serviciul Patriei”, title for 15 years of activity, 2004.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

- English