



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

68 SPECIAL FORCE BRIGADE

Plovdiv 4000, 1 Saedinenie Sqr.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL**  
**IAVOR ANTONOV MATEEV**  
**COMMANDER OF 68<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL FORCES**  
**BRIGADE**

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 05.12.1967, SOFIA, REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

**EDUCATIONAL DEGREES**

- 2006 - 2007 National Defense University, College of International Security Affairs – Washington DC, USA - master degree of Strategic Security Studies
- 1996 - 1998 War and Staff College “G.S. Rakovski” - Sofia - master degree of Intelligence
- 1985 - 1989 Military University “Vasil Levski” - Veliko Tarnovo - bachelor degree
- 1981 - 1985 High school – Varshetz

**QUALIFICATION**

- 1994 Paratrooper - master I class

**MAIN COURSES**

- 2006 NATO Combined Joint SOF Component Command - NATO School Oberammergau, Germany
- 2003 NATO CIMIC - Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2002 UN Military Observers - Germany
- 2001 Interoperability - War and Staff College “G.S. Rakovski” - Sofia
- 1994 Search and Rescue - Greece

**PROMOTIONS**

- 2015 Brigadier General
- 2009 Colonel
- 2003 Lieutenant Colonel
- 1999 Major
- 1996 Captain
- 1992 Senior Lieutenant

1989 Lieutenant

## **MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS**

2015 Commander of 68<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Brigade  
2010 - 2015 Chief of Joint Facilities Department, MOD  
2009 - 2010 Chief of Joint Facilities Office, MOD  
2007 - 2009 Deputy Chief of “SIGINT&EW” Sector at Intelligence Branch,  
Land Forces HQ  
2006 - 2007 Student at National Defense University - Washington, USA  
2006 Chief of SOF Training Sector at SOF Branch - Land Forces HQ  
2003 - 2006 Chief of Intelligence Sector - SOF Command  
2002 - 2003 Senior assistant - Chief of SOF Training Branch - SOF Command  
2000 - 2001 Assistant - Chief of Operations Branch - SOF Command  
1999 - 2000 Senior Assistant -Chief of Intelligence Branch - unit 26790 - Sofia  
1998 - 1999 Senior Assistant - Chief of Operations Sector - unit 32010 - Dobroslavtsi  
1996 - 1998 Student at Defense and Staff College “G.S.Rakovski”  
1994 - 1996 Chief of Service “Airborne&Combat Search and Rescue Training” - unit 32010 -  
Dobroslavtsi  
1992 - 1994 SOF Company Commander – 1<sup>st</sup> SOF battalion – Gornya banya  
1989 - 1992 SOF Task Unit Commander – 1<sup>st</sup> SOF battalion – Gornya banya

## **MISSIONS**

2003 Action Officer Political Assessment and Liaison Officer to EUPM/SBS and NGOs,  
Operations Branch, SFOR HQ, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
2002 Action Officer and Liaison Officer to State Border service, CIMIC  
SFOR HQ, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

A medal of the Bulgarian armed forces, for faithful service under the military flags – first degree.  
Two NATO medals for participation in NATO operations in Former Yugoslavia  
US Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service  
US Department of State Tribute of Appreciation Certificate  
US EUCOM Appreciation Certificate

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

English STANAG-6001 - 3-3-3-3

Russian

## **MARITAL STATUS**

Married, wife Nevena Miteva, with three children - daughter and two sons.