



**MAJOR-GENERAL**

**GRUDI IVANOV ANGELOV, PhD  
COMMANDANT OF “G. S. RAKOVSKI”  
NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE**

Born on 10.09.1965 in Haskovo, Bulgaria

**Education:**

- 1983                      Graduated from Mathematical High School, Haskovo
- 1983 – 1987            “Vasil Levski” National Military University, Veliko Tarnovo
- 1994 – 1996            “G.S. Rakovski” National Defence College, Sofia
- 2006 – 2007            US Army War College, Carlisle, PA, USA  
(General-Staff Academy – Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies)
- 2018                      Acquired a doctoral degree with a Ph.D. thesis titled “Conceptual Model of the Statehood-Security System” in professional field 9.1 National Security in a post-graduate study in National Security, University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, Sofia

**Military career:**

- 1987 – 1988            Motorized infantry platoon commander of 49<sup>th</sup> MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1988 – 1991            Motorized infantry company commander 49<sup>th</sup> MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1991 – 1993            Chief of Staff of motorized infantry battalion 49<sup>th</sup> MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1993 – 1994            Chief of Staff of motorized infantry battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> MIR, Harmanli

1996 – 2000 Deputy-Chief of Staff of 22<sup>nd</sup> MIR, Harmanli

2000 – 2001 Chief of Staff of 49<sup>th</sup> MIR, Simeonovgrad

04.2001 – 09.2001 Acting Commander of 49<sup>th</sup> MIR, Simeonovgrad

2001 – 2003 Infantry Battalion Commander – Stara Zagora

2003 – 2006 Motorized Infantry Battalion Commander – Stara Zagora

2007 – 2008 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Brigade Deputy Commander – Sofia

2008 – 2010 Chief of Staff of 9<sup>th</sup> Brigade Headquarters – Sofia

2010 – 2013 NATO Allied Joint Force Command – Naples, Italy

2010 – 05. 2012 Chief of Advisory team at NS of NATO Allied Joint Force Command  
– Naples, Italy

05.2012 – 02.2013 Chief of “Business Processes Management” Department

02.2013 – 09.2013 Chief of “Doctrines and Lessons Learned” Department at NATO  
Allied Joint Force Command – Naples, Italy

2013 – 2015 Chief of “Combat Training” Department of Land Forces Command

2015 – 2016 Commander of 61<sup>st</sup> Stryamska Mechanised Brigade – Karlovo

2016–currently Commandant of “G.S.Rakovski” National Defense College – Sofia

**Missions:**

2003 – 2004 Deputy National Representative of 1<sup>st</sup> Bulgarian Contingent in Iraq  
Participation in “Iraqi Freedom” operation

**Additional Qualifications:**

1991 Chief of Staff and motorised infantry battalion commanders course

1992 Forward Air Observer Course

2001 English Language Course at NMU in V. Tarnovo

2005 English Language Course in York, Great Britain

2005 “Operations in Other than War Environment” course – Koningsberg,

Austria

- 2011 Participation in a seminar for NATO senior officers – Riga, Latvia
- 2012 NATO Operation Planning Course for senior officers – NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany

### **Membership:**

1. Senior Advisory Council of the PfP Consortium of Defence Academies and Security Studies Institutes
2. Executive Board of the Council of University Rectors in Bulgaria
3. Executive Board of the Electric Vehicles Industrial Cluster

### **Publications:**

1. Challenges Faced by the EU and NATO in the Context of Radicalization, Terrorism, and Migration. – In Collection of papers from the International Scientific Conference at “G. S. Rakovski” National Defence College 11-12.11.2018, Vol. 1, pp. 7-15, ISBN 978-619-7478-18-1. Accessible online (in Bulgarian) at <http://rnda.armf.bg/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/K-2018-1.pdf>
2. Angelov, G., Stoykov, M. Strategic Approaches to Security and Defence Review. – In: Military Journal #1-2/2019, pp. 5-16, ISSN 2534-8388 (online).
3. The Role of the Human Factor in Securing the Air Sovereignty of the Country. – In: Collection of papers from the Scientific Conference “Sufficiency for Securing the Air Sovereignty of Bulgaria and the Role of the Human Factor” of National Defence and Security Faculty of “G. S. Rakovski” National Defence College, 2018, pp. 5-11, ISBN 978-619-7478-10-5. Accessible online (in Bulgarian) at <https://rncd.bg/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/BBC-2018.pdf>
4. Angelov, G., Denchev, S. Basic Concepts of National Power. – In: Collection of papers from the Annual Scientific Conference of National Defence and Security Faculty of “G. S. Rakovski” National Defence College 2018 “Contemporary Challenges to Security and Defence”, pp. 13-19, ISBN 978-619-7478-05-1. Accessible online (in Bulgarian) at <http://rnda.armf.bg/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/FNSO-2018-1.pdf>
5. Angelov, G., Mednikarov, B. The Historical Approach in the Examination of the Nature of National Power. – In: Military Journal #2/2018, pp. 9-21, ISSN 2534-8388 (online).

6. Cyber war: Aspects of Security in the Management of Forces and Armament. – In: Bulgarian Military Thought magazine #1/2018, ISSN 2603-3550.
7. Post Cold War NATO’s Operational Structure Development. – In: Military Journal #1/2018, pp. 5-14, ISSN 0861-7392 (print); ISSN 2534-8388(online).
8. Angelov, G., Tashkov, D., Enev, E. Training of Trainers at Operational and Strategic Level. – In: International Conference Knowledge Based Organisation. Sciendo, 2019, Vol. XXV, #1, pp.14-19, Online ISSN 2451-3113. Accessible online at <https://www.degruyter.com/downloadpdf/j/kbo.2019.25.issue-1/kbo-2019-0002/kbo-2019-0002.pdf>
9. Angelov, G., Stoykov, M. Comprehensive Approach to the Strategic Review of the Security and Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria. – In: Military Journal #4/2019, pp. 88-93, ISSN 0861-7392 (print); ISSN 2534-8388 (online).
10. The Treaty of Neuilly and its Impact on the National Power of Bulgaria. – In Public Policy.bg, Security - Thematic Issue Vol. 11, #2/2020, ISSN 1314-2313. Accessible online (in Bulgarian) at <http://www.ejpp.eu/index.php/ejpp/article/view/349>
11. Angelov, G. (2020). Statehood – National Security. Voенно Izdatelstvo Publishing House, Sofia. ISBN 978-954-509-581-8, 128 pp.

### **Awards:**

2004	Decoration of Merit “Loyal Service with the Colors” 3rd class
2013	“10 Years Bulgaria in NATO” Medal for contribution to NATO
2015	Decoration for Military Service Excellence – 1st class
2017	Decoration of Merit “Loyal Service with the Colors” 1st class
2018	Awarded Sign of Faithful Service under the Flags - Grade I
2018	Honorary rifle
	Other awards and diplomas.

### **Promotions:**

1987	Second Lieutenant
1990	First Lieutenant

1994	Captain
1997	Major
2000	Lieutenant Colonel
2008	Colonel
2015	Brigadier General
2016	Major General

**Foreign Languages:** English STANAG 6001 (4 – 4 – 3+ – 3+), Spanish (B1), Italian and Russian

**Marital Status:** Married, with two children