



MAJOR GENERAL

**GRUDI IVANOV ANGELOV, PhD
COMMANDANT OF 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 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 49th MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1988 – 1991 Motorized infantry company commander 49th MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1991 – 1993 Chief of Staff of motorized infantry battalion 49th MIR, Simeonovgrad
- 1993 – 1994 Chief of Staff of motorized infantry battalion 22nd MIR, Harmanli

1996 – 2000 Deputy-Chief of Staff of 22nd MIR, Harmanli

2000 – 2001 Chief of Staff of 49th MIR, Simeonovgrad

04.2001 – 09.2001 Acting Commander of 49th MIR, Simeonovgrad

2001 – 2003 Infantry Battalion Commander – Stara Zagora

2003 – 2006 Motorized Infantry Battalion Commander – Stara Zagora

2007 – 2008 9th Armored Brigade Deputy Commander – Sofia

2008 – 2010 Chief of Staff of 9th 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 61st Stryamska Mechanised Brigade – Karlovo

2016–currently Commandant of Rakovski National Defence College – Sofia

Missions:

2003 – 2004 Deputy National Representative of 1st 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
- 2020 - 16th Common Security and Defence Policy High Level Course “Jean
2021 REY” – European Union

Chairman of the Executive Board of Unity Association

Chairman of the Executive Board of the School Board Association of High school
“Ivan Vazov”, Stara Zagora

Chairman of the Initiative Committee on the occasion of the celebration of the 200th
anniversary of the birth of Georgi Stoykov Rakovski

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
4. Executive Board of the Partnership for Peace Consortium

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 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 Rakovski National Defence College, 2018, pp. 5-11, ISBN 978-619-

- 7478-10-5. Accessible online (in Bulgarian) at <https://rndc.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 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. Voenna 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