



Captain (N) Gorazd Bartol Chief NATO Liaison Office Skopje

Captain (N) Gorazd Bartol was born in 1967 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. After completing his secondary education at the "Military Gymnasium - secondary school" in Ljubljana, he joined the Navy as cadet at the Military Navy Academy from 1985 to 1989, Split (Croatia).

His assignments include duty aboard the Naval Mine Warfare (NMW) vessels in different positions. At the beginning of the war in Slovenia he joined the Slovenian Armed Forces and continued his military career as Staff Officer with the Regional HQ. Many years of military career he dedicated to development of the Slovenian military education system as lecturer.

In addition to various joint staff assignments focused on defence planning, plans and policy, he served as Staff Officer at the International Military Staff in NATO HQ, Brussels. He participated also in EUFOR mission as Chief of Information Operations Branch. Parallel to performing his official duties, he completed his master studies in National Security, at the Ljubljana University. Captain (N) Gorazd Bartol was awarded scholarship by the Fulbright American Studies Institute at the University of Delaware (USA). He graduated from the NATO Defence College (Rome) in 2011. He has been engaged in many academic workshops as a lecturer or as an academic assistant.

On 27 June 2016, he assumed the position of Chief NATO Liaison Office Skopje with the main responsibility to advise the Government Authorities on Defence aspects of Security Sector Reform and NATO membership. Captain (N) Gorazd Bartol is also the Chief NATO Advisory Team (NAT), i.e. its principal advisor. NAT includes military specialists from Albania, Greece, Slovenia and Italy, a Governmental Advisor, a Country Advisor, a special assistant and two interpreters/translators.

Captain (N) Gorazd Bartol is married to Mojca and has one son Tadej and two daughters, Petra and Tjaša. He enjoys joinery and wood carving. He speaks English, Serbian and Croatian.