

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### General Antonios Tsantirakis

General Antonios Tsantirakis was assigned as Chief to Hellenic Air Force General Staff from 4/11/2011 to 9/3/2013.

### Education

He was born in Crete. He was admitted to the Hellenic Air Force Academy in 1974 and graduated as 2nd Lieutenant in 1978.

He graduated from:

- Tactical Weapons School
- Electronic Warfare School
- Air-to-Ground Operations School
- Intelligence Officers School
- Instructors School
- Air Force Squadron's Officer School
- Air Force War College
- Flight Safety Officers Course, North AFB, California USA

Foreign Languages: English

### Assignments

He was originally assigned to 111CW/349 Squadron as F-5A/B pilot. He afterwards served on 116CW/336 Squadron as F-104G pilot, in 116CW/335 Squadron as A-7E pilot and finally, he served as Operation Officer and Squadron Commander. He has also been assigned to several staff positions. Among others, he was assigned to the Hellenic Air Force General Staff (HAFGS) as Director of the Chief of Staff Office and Director of the Defence Planning Division (HAFGS/D2). Further on, he was assigned to 116CW as Commander. He served in the Hellenic National Defence General Staff (HNDGS), in the Defense Policy Directorate as Head of Department responsible for NATO Issues. He served at HAFGS as Director of International Relations Directorate (HAFGS/A3). Then, he became Commander



of Hellenic Air Force Support Command. Prior to assuming duties as Chief of the HAFGS, he served as Chief of Tactical Air Force and CAOC 7 Commander.

He served as Operation Officer in the 1st Squadron of E-3A Component NATO in Germany and Deputy Chief of Staff/Support of the Support Department in the NATO AIR HEADQUARTERS in Izmir.

## **Flight Responsibilities**

He has more than 5000 flight hours.

Aircraft flown : T-41D, T-37B/C, T-2E, T-33A/B, F-5A/B, F-104G, A-7E and Boeing 707 (E-3A).

## **Promotions**

- 2nd Lieutenant : 30.06.1978
- 1st Lieutenant : 30.06.1981
- Captain : 04.07.1984
- Major : 17.08.1989
- Lt. Colonel : 31.08.1993
- Colonel : 12.05.2000
- Brig. General : 07.03.2007
- Maj. General : 03.03.2009
- Lt. General : 08.03.2011
- General : 09.03.2013

## **Medals-Decoration**

- Commander's Breast Star of "Order of Honor"
- Grand Commander's Badge of "Order of Phoenix"
- Medal of Military Merit 1st Class
- Commendation Medal "Chief of General of Staff"
- Air Force Formation Command Medal 1st Class
- Air Force Meritorious Command Medal 1st Class
- Staff Officer Service Commendation Medal 2nd Class
- Commendation Medal "Star of Merit and Honor"