

Curriculum Vitae

LtCdr Artur Bilski was born February 5, 1967 in Skarzysko-Kamienna, Poland. He earned his bachelor's degree in Sea Navigation in 1990 from the Naval Academy in Gdynia. In 2000 he was awarded a master's degree in Civil Military Relations from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, USA. He completed following courses: in 1992 a one - year course on National Defence organized by East-West Institute from New York, USA, in 1993 three-month Public Affairs Course in the Defence and Information School in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, USA, and in 1994 a Fundamental Information Course in Breda, Netherlands held in the Royal Land Forces Academy.

After graduation from the Naval Academy he began his career with the 9th Flotilla in Hel onboard fast antisubmarine patrol boats. In 1992 he was assigned to the military daily newspaper 'Polska Zbrojna' in Warsaw, where he worked at the foreign desk. From 1996 until 1998 he served with the multinational Nordic-Polish Brigade in Bosnia – Herzegovina as a deputy chief of Press and Information Office and spokesman for the Brigade. His next assignment started in 1998 with the Press and Information Office of the Ministry of Defence in Warsaw, where he was responsible for maintaining relations with the journalists as well as for collecting information on reactions in the media and by the public opinion with regard to actions and communications of the Polish Ministry Of Defence.

From 2002 – until June 2005 he served as a press officer in the Public and Information Office of NATO's Supreme Headquarters Alliance Powers Europe located in Mons, Belgium. He delivered briefings to different groups ranging from students, journalist to opinion leaders from all NATO and partner countries on current security European problems and NATO related issues. Lt Cdr Bilski was also part of NATO outreach programme aiming external audience in Alliance and non NATO countries with briefings and lectures on current Alliance issues.

LtCdr Artur Bilski is author of many articles published in different newspapers and magazines and two books: a historical record of the Nordic Polish brigade issued in Doboje, Bosnia in 1998 and "Look over the Sarajevo" published by Bellona Publishing House in 2000.