



Chief of the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus

Lieutenant General Emmanouil THEODOROU

Emmanuel Theodorou was born in 1967 in Komotini.

He entered the Military Cadet School in 1984, from which he graduated in 1988 with the rank of Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

As a junior officer, he served in Expeditionary Units with the duties of Platoon Leader and Company Commander, as well as in the Military Cadet School as a Platoon Leader.

He attended all the required schools of his Service, as well as the NATO Terminology school.

In 2004, he studied at the Higher Interbranch War School in Thessaloniki and in 2013, he was selected to study at the National Defence Academy in Greece.

During his career as a senior officer, he was assigned as Deputy Commander in a Mechanised Infantry Battalion and served as a staff officer in the 79th Infantry Division, the 7th Motorised Infantry Battalion and the General Staff.

In 2008, he was assigned the duties of Commander of the 239th Infantry Regiment, while in 2012 he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 79th Infantry Regiment.

In 2014, he was appointed Commander of the Hellenic Armed Forces in Cyprus. In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed Director of the General Staff/A1. In 2019, he was assigned the duties of Commander of the 80th Hellenic Armed Forces. In 2020, he was appointed Director of the General Staff/B2.

In 2021, he was promoted to Major General and appointed Commander of the 95th Hellenic Air Defense Brigade. In 2022, he was assigned the duties of Deputy Commander of the Hellenic Air Defense Brigade. In 2023, he was appointed to the General Staff as Director of the 1st Branch. In 2024, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and appointed Commander of the Hellenic Air Defense Brigade.

He was sworn in as Chief of the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus on 09th October 2025

Lieutenant General Emmanuel Theodorou has been awarded all the required decorations, medals and mementos. He is fluent in English and French. He is married and has two children.