



MAJOR GENERAL VAHUR KARUS

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MG Vahur Karus was born on 17th of November 1974 in Pärnu, Estonia.

He volunteered for his conscription in 1993 after graduating the high school in Noarootsi and entered the service with the Single Infantry Company in Pärnu. After graduating the junior NCO school he was appointed as a Squad Leader. In 1994 he was sent to Swedish Military Academy's Infantry School in Linköping and was commissioned in 1996 upon graduation as a 2nd Lt to the Single Infantry Battalion in Pärnu. In this unit he served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander until he was accepted to Swedish Military Academy's Junior Staff Officer Course in Skövde, Sweden. After graduation he continued his service in his former unit as Commander of the junior NCO training and as Chief of Staff of the battalion. In 2002 he was deployed to Kosovo and after completing the deployment he attended Swedish Military Academy's Senior Staff Officer Course. In 2004 he was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Scouts Battalion in Paldiski and was deployed to Afghanistan as National Contingent Commander in 2006. After finishing his deployment in 2007 he attended the Swedish National Military University Advanced Command Program upon which he was appointed the Commanding Officer of the Scouts Battalion. Between 2013 and 2015 he served as MA to Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces, Gen Riho Terras. He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 2016 and served until 2018 as deputy director of the defence planning department of the Estonian MoD. Between 2018 and 2021, MG Karus was Commanding Officer of 1st Estonian Infantry Brigade and prior to current appointment, he served as Commandant of the Estonian Military Academy in Tartu.

He is married and proud father of two daughters. He is fluent in Swedish and English and can manage in German and Russian. MG Karus takes keen interest in military history and speed skating.

Ranks:

Major General	2024	Major	2005
Brigadier General	2022	Capten	2000
Colonel	2017	1st Lieutenant	1998
Lieutenant Colonel	2010	2nd Lieutenant	1996