

*We do not learn for ourselves and our education affects those around us. If we care about our own development, we also care about the development of others.*

## **Eurocorps Command Senior Enlisted Leader**

### **Chief Warrant Officer Grzegorz Strek**

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Grzegorz Strek joined the Polish army in 1995 as a conscript soldier and was assigned to Protection Regiment in Warsaw as a rifleman. After completing the mandatory service in 1997 he decided to continue military service in the army as a contract conscript NCO and was posted in 1<sup>st</sup> Podhale Riflemen Battalion (mountain infantry). CWO Strek became a professional soldier in 1999.

Throughout his military service he performed duties as a squad leader, platoon sergeant and platoon leader in mountain infantry company and a platoon sergeant and platoon leader in mechanized infantry company. CWO Strek also served as an instructor at training section in 21<sup>st</sup> Podhale Riflemen Brigade HQ (mountain infantry), training – operation NCO in Eurocorps, Strasbourg, France. After completing his military service in Eurocorps, he was selected as the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) of 18<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment. Following that, he was selected to serve as the CSM of the 21<sup>st</sup> Podhale Riflemen Brigade. On 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 he assumed duties as Eurocorps Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

CWO Strek military education includes various national and international courses and trainings such as Basic NCO Course; Climbing and Skiing Instructor courses; English Language Course in Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, USA; Basic NCO Course in NCO School of Infantry, Fort Benning (currently Fort Moore), GA, USA; AN/PPS-5C Manportable Surveillance and Target Acquisition Radar operator course; Leadership Course conducted by 129<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute Illinois Army National Guard; Mechanized Platoon Deputy Commander Course; Combat Life Saver Course; “Rosomak” armoured fighting vehicle course for commander and gunner; ISAF pre-deployment course for platoon leaders. He graduated with honors from Infantry Advance Leader Course at Maneuver Center of Excellence, Henry Caro NCO Academy, Fort Benning (currently Fort Moore), GA, USA. CWO Strek completed also Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course in Baltic Defence College, Tartu, Estonia and NATO Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course in NATO School Oberammergau.

CWO Strek operational experience includes, two tours as a reconnaissance platoon sergeant in Kosovo (2003-2004), infantry squad leader in Iraq (2005/2006), infantry squad leader

and platoon sergeant in Iraq (2007/2008), infantry platoon sergeant and platoon leader in Afghanistan (2009/2010), infantry platoon sergeant in Afghanistan (2013). CWO Strek also took part in flood crisis management operations in Poland (1997 and 2001).

CWO Strek also participated in many international trainings and exercises such as exercises Join Winter 2001 and Strong Resolve 2002 both in Norway, Cossack Steppe in Great Britain (2001). He participated in mountain training conducted by 27<sup>th</sup> Mountain Infantry Brigade in French Alps (2002). CWO Strek represented Polish army as a team commander during international sniping competitions in Hammelburg, Germany (2007). In 2008 he was a commander during mountain training in Tatra Mountains conducted for Polish and German soldiers from mountain units. Later in 2008 CWO Strek was sent to Wainwright Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre, where he conducted duties as an Observer Controller Trainer for Canadian infantry platoon during exercise Maple Guardian. In 2022 he participated in exercise Combined Resolve 17 conducted at Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohenfels, Germany. In 2023 CWO Strek participated in exercise Steadfast Jackal conducted in JWC, Stavanger, Norway.

CWO Strek is a graduate of WSPiA University of Rzeszow with a bachelor's degree in Internal Security.

His awards and decorations include: Golden Medal of Merit for National Defense, Silver Medal of the Armed Forces in the Service of the Country, Campaign Star for Afghanistan (2 awards), Campaign Star for Iraq (2 awards), Non-Article 5 Medal for ISAF (2 awards), Non-Article 5 Medal for Balkans, Multinational Division Central-South Commemorative Medal, Honorary Badge of the Land Forces. In 2005, during first deployment in Iraq he was awarded Excellent Commander Badge., he earned 21st Podhale Rifleman Brigade Mountain Military Badge (Bronze). CWO Strek received the honoured title of meritorious soldier of the Republic of Poland (III class). He won award NCO of the Year of 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanized Division in 2007 and NCO of the Year of 21<sup>st</sup> Podhale Riflemen Brigade in 2015. Moreover CWO Strek was awarded by Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation during ceremony "Year of the NCO" in Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium, 2008.

WO Strek is happily married with his wife Agata and he is raising four children.