

Commodore Antonios Papaioannou

Date of birth: 1957

Nationality: Greek

EDUCATION

1979 Hellenic Naval Academy

1995 Hellenic Navy War College

1997 NATO Defence College (Rome)

Language fluency: Greek (mother tongue), English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Experience

Since December 2008:

EU Force Commander of EU NAVFOR Somalia (Operation ATALANTA)

1999-2001: Western European Union (Brussels, Belgium)

2004-2006: Defence Attaché, Greek Embassy in London, UK

1991: Red Sea (Operation "Desert Shield")

2002: Persian Gulf (Operation "Enduring Freedom")

National experience

April 2008 - December 2008:

Chief Director of the National Operations Centre (National Defence General Staff)

2006-2008:

Commandant of the Second Hellenic Frigates Squadron Command

2001-2003:

Commanding Officer of the frigate SPETSE

1991-1992:

Executive Officer of the destroyers ex-KANARIS and ex-THEMISTOCLES

1994:

Commanding Officer of the corvette ex-AGON

