



Director, EOD Centre of Excellence

Colonel Jaroslav BIELENÝ (Engineer Officer) SVK Armed Forces



Colonel Bielený is a native of Slovakia, Europe. In 1991, he graduated from the Military Academy in Brno, Czech Republic, earning a title Chartered Engineer in Construction and Machine Building. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Czech-Slovak Federal Republic Army Corps in August 1991, assigned to 13th Engineer Battalion, 13th Tank Division, Eastern Military District, Czech-Slovak Federal Republic Armed Forces in Sered. During this tour, Colonel Bielený served as an Engineer Platoon Leader, Engineer Company Commander, Battalion Technical Officer, Deputy Chief Logistics and Chief of Logistics/2IC Engineer Battalion. In 1994 he received an order to attend 4 months Language Training in Bundessprachenamt in Huerth near Koeln am Main, Germany and then he carried out a 6 months internship in 801st Engineer Battalion, 80th Engineer Brigade, 13th Infantry Division, German Bundeswehr as a Battalion Technical Officer. In September 1997 he received an order to attend 11 months Battalion Commanders' Course at Austrian Land Defense Academy in Vienna, Austria. In January 1999 he graduated from the Austrian Language Institute earning Diploma in German Language.

In September, 2000, Colonel Bielený transferred to the Slovak Verification Agency, Bratislava, where he served as a Senior Officer for verification of CFE Treaty and Ottawa Treaty for Land Mines and participated in Final Elimination of SS-23 rockets. In January 2001, he deployed to Suva Reka, Kosovo as Engineer and Liaison Officer, Slovak Engineer Contingent during NATO Operation in Kosovo.

In March 2002, Colonel Bielený was assigned to the Ministry of Defense, Organizational Department, Branch for Special Tasks as a Chief Senior Officer and in July 2002 he was assigned as Deputy Director, Supply and Support Bureau, Ministry of Defense.

In July 2004, Colonel Bielený was assigned to the NATO Standardization Agency, NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium as Senior Officer, Army Branch responsible for Combat Service Support Working Group with its Panels and Asset Tracking Working Group, Land Standardization Board.

In August, 2007, Colonel Bielený reported to the Slovak Land Forces Command in Trencin for duty as Deputy Chief of Logistic Department. On 15 March 2008 he took over the position of Chief of Logistics Department and was promoted to Colonel.

In July, 2009, Colonel Bielený was a distinguished graduate from the NATO Defense College, Roma, Italy and reported to the Slovak Land Forces Command for duty as Deputy Chief of Staff for Support.

In May, 2010, Colonel Bielený deployed for 13 months to ISAF Afghanistan and served as Deputy Chief CJ4 HQ ISAF. In June, 2011 he assumed command of NATO EOD Centre of Excellence in Trencin, Slovakia.

Colonel Bielený's personal awards include the NATO Medals for Operation in Kosovo and Afghanistan, Honorable Medal of Minister of Defense 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade, Bronze and Silver Medal of Chief of General Staff SVK Armed Forces and Medal for Faith to Slovak Armed Forces 2nd and 3rd Grade.

Colonel Bielený is married to Monika. They have three sons – Tomas of age 13, Kristian of age 10 and Erik of age 8.

Colonel Bielený is fluent in English and German and he also speaks French and Russian.