



László Tömböl

General (retired)

National Armaments Director

Senior Military Advisor

Ministry of Defence of Hungary

PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: 18 October 1957

Place of birth: Pápa, Hungary

Marital status: married, two children (a son and a daughter)

CAREER

2023-Present National Armament Director

Ministry of Defence of Republic of Hungary

Senior Military Advisor

Main areas of responsibility: Responsible for armaments, armament development and armed forces development programmes of the Hungarian Force Modernisation Programme. Close co-ordination with the related national and foreign defence industry representatives, fellow national armaments directors and other senior representatives for force development.

Main projects: Close co-ordination of the continuation of the Hungarian Force Modernisation Programme with further follow-on procurements regarding future capability development beyond 2030. Collaboration with multinational entities on ongoing and future joint development and procurement programmes. Leadership in broad portfolio of complex and armament programmes and projects.

2018-2022 Deputy National Armaments Director

Government Office of the Prime Minister

Secretariat of the Government Commissioner for Defence Development

Main areas of responsibility: Responsible for the air and air defence related modernization projects of the Hungarian Defence Forces within and beyond the Zrínyi 2026 Force Modernization Programme. Close co-ordination with the related national and foreign defence industry representatives.

Main projects: Co-ordination and supervision of the concept development for the modernization of the air surveillance system and ground based air defence forces of Hungary.

2017-2018 Senior Advisor to MoD

Main areas of responsibility: Concept development for air and air defence related modernization programmes.

Main projects: *Elaboration of a long range modernization programme for the Hungarian ground based air defence and air surveillance systems.*

2011-2014 CEO KARSAI Plastics Holding Plc.

2009-2010 Chief of Defence

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Hungary

Main areas of responsibility: *Responsible for the military defence of the country, strategic guidance and control of the build up of the Hungarian Defence Forces. As the member of NATO and EU military committees, representation of Hungary at the highest level of NATO and EU military structure.*

Main projects: *Formulation of the National Military Strategy of Hungary, update of the standing Defence Plan of the country (2009), preparation of defence related project for Hungarian EU presidency (2010). International co-operation within Visegrad-4 community.*

2007-2009 Commander of the Joint Forces Command

Joint Forces Command of the Hungarian Defence Forces

Main areas of responsibility: *To design and build up, on the basis of the earlier service commands, a completely new command element of the Hungarian Defence Forces command structure, the Joint Forces Command with the strength of 550 pax.*

Main projects: *Identify and establish the procedures of the daily work of the different staff elements of the command. Introduce jointness as a new culture of work, replacing the earlier single-service approach.*

2005-2006 Director of Defence Staff / Deputy Chief of Defence

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Hungary

Main areas of responsibility: *Organization and supervision of the daily work of the Defence Staff, preparation of decision making in the field of peace support operations.*

Main projects: *Organization and preparation of the Hungarian PRT and other mentor teams' deployment in Afghanistan*

2003-2005 Chief for NATO Integration

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Hungary

Main areas of responsibility: *Responsible for the development and co-ordination of the transformation plan for the units of the Hungarian Defence Forces with the main focus on NATO assigned units. Supervision of the completion of the transformation plan.*

Main projects: *Co-ordination and control of the preparation of the first Hungarian NRF unit. Supervision and control of the preparation and conduct of all CREVAL and TACEVAL activities for the Hungarian Defence Forces.*

2001-2003 Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff

Hungarian Air Force – Air Force Command

Main areas of responsibility: *Organization and control of the daily work of the AF CMD staff (300 pax), with the main focus on further adaptation of NATO procedures in staff work and NATO integration.*

Main projects: *Preparation and introduction of national procedures for „RENEGADE” situation. Head Hungarian representative at the NAPMO joining negotiations till 2005. Head country-representative at NATO Air Defence Committee.*

2000-2001 Chief of Training Division

KFOR 4 – Main HQ, Kosovo, Pristina

Main areas of responsibility: *Organization and conduct of training events and exercises for staff-members of KFOR-4 in a multinational environment. Co-ordination and control of the organization and conduct of training events for the members of Kosovo Protection Corps, provided by different international organizations.*

Main projects: *Organization and conduct of the familiarization training for the international observers of the Kosovo Municipal Elections Nov. 2000, working together with OSCE and IOM.*

1999-2001 Chief of Military Cooperation Branch

NATO JCS - NATO Joint Command South, Verona, Italy

Main areas of responsibility: *Responsible for co-operation with the military authorities of PfP countries in the AOR of JCS, to facilitate the build up to NATO standards their defence forces.*

Main projects: *Upon request, or based on own initiatives, organization and conduct of in-country briefings, seminars and training courses for military and civilian leaders of the countries involved.*

1998-1999 Chief of Hungarian Liaison Team

NATO AFSOUTH – NATO Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy

Main areas of responsibility: *Close co-ordination with RCS authorities to assist and facilitate the Hungarian accession procedures. Assistance - through mediation - in the familiarisation of the Hungarian Defence Forces with the NATO requirements, and procedures, in different key functional areas, critical for interoperability.*

1981-1998 Different staff and command positions including the CMDR of the Hungarian Air Defence Forces – 11th Air Defence Brigade

EDUCATION

1995-1996 Air War College JPME – Joint Professional Military Education (Class of '96) AU AWC – Air University Air War College, Montgomery, AL
USA

1985-1988	Air Defence Commanders Course (Summa cum laude) Zhukov Air Defence College, Kalinin, former USSR
1977-1981	Military Academy (Air Defence Artillery) (Summa cum laude) Zalka Máté Military Academy of Technology, Hungary, Budapest

COURSES

2004	Flag Officers Course NATO Defence College, Rome, Italy
2003	SES 2003-6 – Senior Executive Seminar George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
2000	NATO Staff Officers Orientation Course NATO School Oberammergau, Germany

LANGUAGES

Hungarian:	mother tongue
English:	fluent
Russian:	advanced skills

DECORATIONS

Foreign:	Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur – Officier de la Légion d'Honneur Bundeswehr - Ehrenkreuz Gold Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana - Cavaliere NATO Medal for Kosovo Service (Achieved two times)
Hungarian:	Andrassy Gyula prize Hunyadi prize Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic – Officer's Cross (Military) Officer Service Decoration for 10, 20, 30 years of service NATO Service Medal NATO Accession Medal Kosovo Medal Yugoslavia Medal Merit of Service Medal – Silver Grade and Bronze Grade

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

2016-2019	President of the Hungarian Association of Military Science
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SKILLS

Leadership	able to plan and develop, negotiate and follow up complex projects, lead and supervise systems; organise and coordinate work among organisations; identify and resolve possible systemic problems effectively; cooperate in an interagency environment; line management
Adaption	able to adjust to any situation, work environment; get acquainted with the rules and procedures
Communication	able to present ideas in a well-organised and concise manner in public; negotiate effectively; resolve conflicts; good interpersonal skills

HOBBIES

History, reading, hiking and fishing