

**General Valerii ZALUZHNYI**  
**Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine**



Date of birth: July 8, 1973

Place of birth: Novohrad-Volynskiy, Zhytomyr Oblast, Ukraine

**EDUCATION**

1997 Odesa Land Forces Institute, graduated with honors;

2007 National Defense Academy of Ukraine, operational tactical level, graduated with a gold medal;

2014 Ivan Cherniakhovskyi National Defense University of Ukraine.

*As the best graduate of operational strategic level training he was awarded the transition sword of the Queen of Great Britain.*

**MILITARY CAREER**

1997 – 2005 platoon, company, and battalion commander;

2007 – 2009 Chief of Staff – First Deputy Commander of the 24th detached motor brigade of the 13th Army Corps of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2009 – 2012 Commander of 51st detached motor brigade of the 13th Army Corps of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2015 – 2016 Head of the Combat Training Department – Deputy Commander for Troops Combat Training of the Operational Command “East” of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2016 – 2017 Deputy Commander of the Operational Command “South” of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2017 – 2018 Chief of Staff – First Deputy Commander of the Operational Command “West” of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2018 – 2019 First Deputy Chief of the Joint Operational Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

2019 – 2021 Commander of the Operational Command “North” of the Land Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

since July 27, 2021 Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

He is awarded state and service regals.

General Valerii ZALUZHNYI is married and father of two children.