



General Tibor Benkő PhD

**Chief of Defence – Hungary
2010 –**

Personal Information:

- Date of Birth: 16 October 1955
- Place of Birth: Nyíregyháza
- Married with Julianna and they have two daughters.

Studies:

- 1975-1979 Kossuth Lajos Military College, Artillery branch
- 1985-1988 KALINYIN Artillery Academy, St. Petersburg,
- 2000-2001 Army War College, USA
- 2004-2006 Szent István University, Human Resource Management
- 2007-2010 Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University, Doctoral School of Military Sciences, PhD Degree

Military career:

- 2010 June Chief of Defense
- 2009- 2010 Commander of Joint Force Command, Székesfehérvár
- 2009 Lieutenant General
- 2007- 2009 Deputy Commander (Land Forces) of Joint Force Command, Székesfehérvár
- 2007 Major General
- 2006-2007 Acting Commander of Hungarian Land Forces Command, Székesfehérvár
- 2005-2006 Deputy Commander of the Hungarian Land Forces Command, Székesfehérvár
- 2001-2005 5th Bocskai István Light Infantry Brigade, Commander, Debrecen
- 2001 Brigadier General
- 1995-2000 36th Artillery Regiment, Commander, Kiskunhalas
- 1995 Colonel
- 1993-1995 36th Artillery Brigade, Commander, Kiskunhalas
- 1990-1993 36th Artillery Brigade, Deputy Commander, Kiskunhalas
- 1988-1990 5th Army Artillery Branch, staff officer, Székesfehérvár
- 1979-1985 36th Artillery Regiment, platoon leader, deputy battery commander, regiment operation officer, Kiskunhalas

Foreign languages:

- English STANAG 6001 3.3.3.3
- Russian advanced level

Medals and Decorations:

- Service Medal for Flood Control
- Service Award for Flood Control
- Service Medal for Homeland Defence Bronze, Silver degree
- Service Medal
- Service Award First Class
- Officer's Service Award I. II. Class
- Cross of Merit of 56 Patriotism
- Hunyadi János Award
- Service Award Decorated with Laurel Wreath
- Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic, Officer's Cross
- Order of Merit of Hungary, Commander's Cross with the Star (military division)
(as of Aug 2012)