



**THE GENERAL  
JONAS ŽEMAITIS  
MILITARY ACADEMY  
OF LITHUANIA**

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*Informational Brochure*



## Aim of the Academy

To train commanders-leaders for the Lithuanian Armed Forces by cherishing their traditions, providing high-quality university education, military education and performing scientific researches.



**Dear Reader,**

*Having celebrated the 20th anniversary in 2012, The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania entered its third decade of existence. The Academy is the only higher education institution in Lithuania preparing officers. Officer training at the Military Academy of Lithuania is related to the time-honoured traditions preserved since the times of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Our nation has always respected and treasured the individual leading warriors to the battle for freedom and independence of the Homeland. Respect is earned for the resolution to fight honourably and with dignity and for the sacrifice of life in a life-or-death situation in defence of the vulnerable.*

*Loyalty and honour, resolution and courage, will and dignity, professionalism and responsibility, duty and love for the Homeland are the universal and immutable values that have always been related to military profession and are now instilled into the future officers at the Military Academy of Lithuania.*

*Is it too great an ambition? The question has the only answer. Since we aim to prepare a reputable and highly-regarded Lithuanian officer, we must set high standards as the Military Academy of Lithuania educates the 21st century officer-leader who is competent to fight professionally and understands the significance of the oath to the country. We focus on preparing a reputable, well-educated and well-mannered officer able to think critically – a citizen in uniform.*

**Commandant Colonel Eugenijus VOSYLIUS**

FACTS AND FIGURES

- **1747** – Duke Mykolas Kazimieras Radvila Žuvelė established a private Cadet Corps – Knight School in Nesvydžius.
- **1773** – Treasurer of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania Antoni Tyzenhaus established a Military School in Gardinas. In 1782 the School was named the Cadet Corps and transferred to Vilnius. It operated till the occupation of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in 1794.
- **1765** – King and Grand Duke of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth Stanislovas Augustas Poniatovskis established a joint Lithuanian and Polish officer-training institution in Warsaw.
- **25 January 1919** – Officer Jonas Galvydis-Bykauskas was appointed the first Commandant of the Military School. The date is considered the official date of the establishment of the Military School.
- **1929** – During the 10th anniversary the Military School was presented with a battle flag and the President of the Republic of Lithuania Antanas Smetona agreed to become a patron of the School. Since then it was

- called the Military School of the First President of Lithuania.
- **25 October 1932** – The Military School of the First President of Lithuania published the first issue of the magazine “Kariūnas” (“Cadet”). Now it is a quarterly magazine with annual circulation of 1,000 copies.
- **By 1940** the Military School of the First President of Lithuania had trained 20 professional officers and 14 reserve officers. When the Soviet Union occupied Lithuania in 1940, Class 21 and Class 22 of professional officers and Class 15 of reserve officers had graduated from the Military School.
- **16 June 1992** – The Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the Resolution on the Establishment of the National Defence Academy under which the National Defence School was established. The date is considered the official date of the establishment of the Military Academy of Lithuania.
- **30 August 1992** – The National Defence School was presented with a battle flag emblazoned

- with the embroidered golden slogan “Our Weapon, Our Education – For Our Motherland Lithuania”.
- **18 January 1994** – Following the decision of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the National Defence School was reorganized into the Military Academy of Lithuania with its Statute approved on May 26.
- **20 July 1994** – Class 1 graduated from the Military Academy of Lithuania; 111 graduates were commissioned as lieutenants.
- **20 November 1998** – The Military Academy of Lithuania was named after the Partisan General Jonas Žemaitis.
- **Since 1 September 2000** the Military Academy of Lithuania has been accepting female applicants.
- **2003** – In accordance with the development programme of the Military Academy of Lithuania, military training and academic studies were separated.
- **1992–2012** – The Military Academy of Lithuania published nearly 400 publications, including textbooks,

- manuals, dictionaries, monographs, different scientific conference materials; teaching-related, periodical, methodological and informative publications.
- **1992–2012** – 2173 cadets of full-time studies (1513 cadets), part-time studies and Master degree studies graduated from the Military Academy of Lithuania.
- **2005–2012** – 5213 course participants completed military, English language and other courses conducted at the Military Academy of Lithuania.
- **In 2012** the number of cadets was 191, including 18 female cadets; 9 cadets studied abroad; 66 cadets in Bachelor degree studies and 71 cadets in Master degree studies.
- **2012** – 875 course participants attended courses at the Military Academy of Lithuania.
- **January 2013** – The library of the Military Academy of Lithuania had more than 210,000 copies of publications in stock.
- **January 2013** – The academic staff of the Military Academy of Lithuania included 17 professors, 21 associate professors, 51 university teachers and senior teachers, 28 lecturers and 44 military instructors.
- **19 July 2013** – Class 20 graduated from the Military Academy of Lithuania; 51 graduates were commissioned as lieutenants.

In the 16th and 17th centuries the land on the left bank of the Neris river starting from the bridge over the Vilnelė, its tributary, and upwards as far as Antakalnis transport depot belonged to the Sapiegos, Pacai, Sluškos and other noblemen of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania who built their summer residences there. At that time the Sapiegos family owned the largest domain including the current territory of The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania.

More than three hundred years have passed since the year 1691 when the most honourable and influential nobleman of the 17th century Hetman of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and Voivode of Vilnius Kazimieras Jonas Sapiega built a representational palace of the Middle Baroque style in the present-day Antakalnis district. On his initiative, in the period of 1694–1717, the Church of Our Lord Jesus and the Trinitarian Monastery were built completing the architectural ensemble of the residence.

When the Grand Duchy of Lithuania lost its independence and became a part of the Russian Empire, the Russian military authorities took control of the palace and changed its purpose many times using it as a military school, barracks or military hospital. On 4 May 1844, the Tsar’s administration decided to construct a gunpowder mill and other buildings necessary for the military purposes. The decision laid foundations for the construction of Vilnius district military engineering administration buildings on the present territory of the Military Academy of Lithuania. In the course of time the 2nd Engineer Battalion was established here together with Alexander Barracks.

During the Soviet occupation, in September 1940, cadets and officers of the Military School were moved to the newly established Vilnius Infantry School (former premises of the military hospital). It was here that the last classes of officers (Class 22) and reserve officers (Class 15) that year finished the School that operated throughout the occupation period until its reorganization into Vilnius Air Defence Electronic Engineering School and later to Vilnius Higher Air Defence Commander School of Radio Electronics.

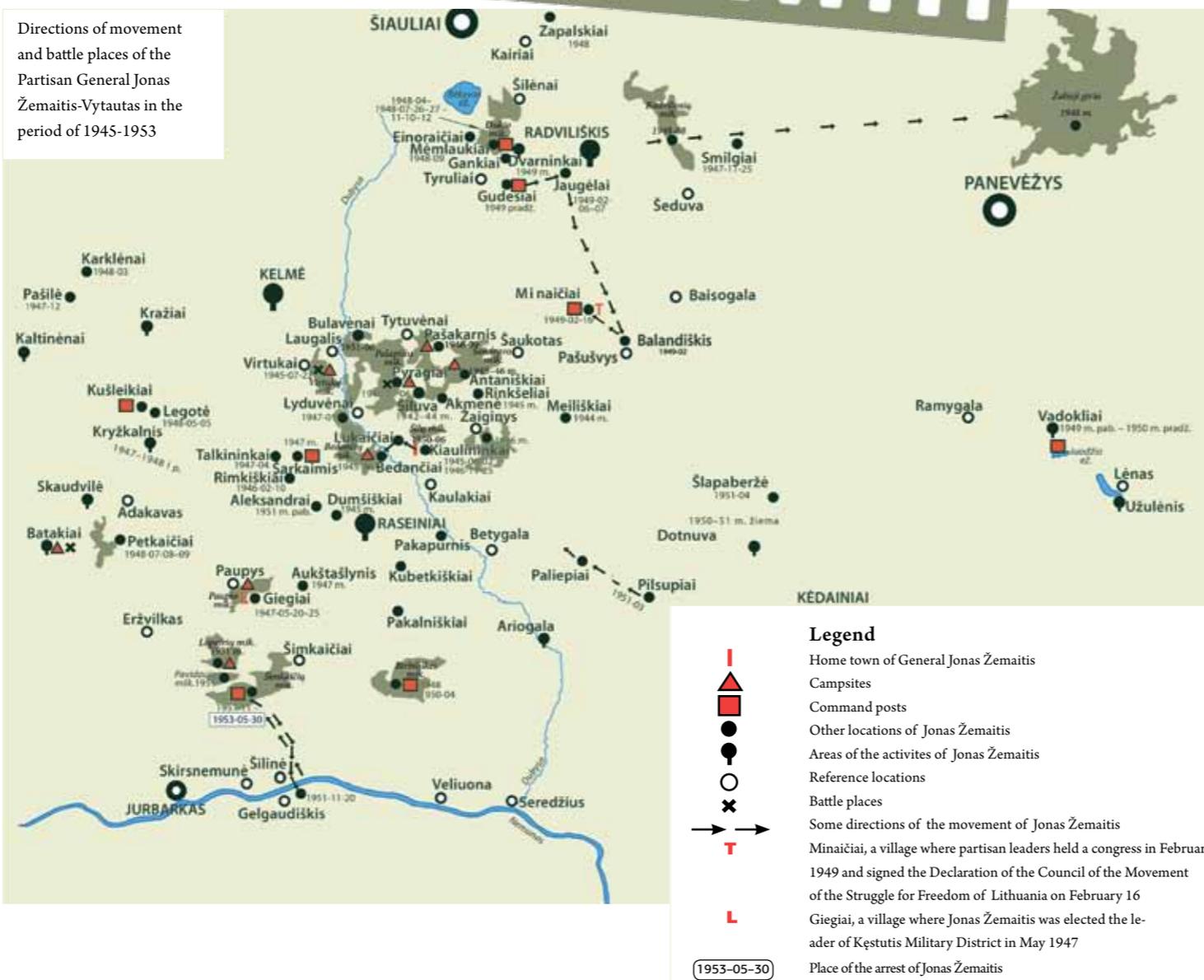
The major buildings of the Military Academy of Lithuania were constructed in a perfunctory manner during the Soviet times; however, after the restoration of independence, the complex was renovated and now looks modern and glints with bright colours. The fairly old tsarist-time building of the Military Academy Club, officer dormitory and NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence underwent renovation as well and were improved and modernized out of all recognition.

It is an interesting paradox that although the preparation of Lithuanian officers was terminated in 1940, in 1992 it was resumed in the very place it had begun – on the residential territory of the Sapiegos, noblemen of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania.





Cadet Jonas Žemaitis (third from left) with classmates by the Military School. Kaunas, the summer of 1928



Directions of movement and battle places of the Partisan General Jonas Žemaitis-Vytautas in the period of 1945-1953



In 1949, through the efforts of Jonas Žemaitis, a former graduate of the Military School, the Lithuanian Partisan Movement was finally united and in February he was elected the Chairman of the Presidium of the Council of the Movement of the Struggle for Freedom of Lithuania (according to the Declaration of the Council of the Movement of the Struggle for Freedom of Lithuania of 16 February 1949, after the Restoration of Independence of Lithuania, the Chairman of the Presidium held the position of the President of the Republic of Lithuania). That year Jonas Žemaitis was commissioned as the Partisan General and led the movement till his betrayal on 30 May 1953 when his bunker was discovered and he was concussed by a grenade and arrested. In June 1954, Jonas Žemaitis was sentenced to death in a closed session and executed on November 26 in Butyrka prison in Moscow. His words, spoken after the sentence was pronounced, have come true: "Just like the followers of mine, I think that the Soviet Union invaded our country with its armed forces... I consider this step of the Soviet government illegal. All the underground anti-Soviet activities, a participant of which I am, I consider righteous and non-criminal. I want to emphasize that as long as I have been leading the Lithuanian struggle for freedom, I have been making every effort to stick to the principles of humanity... No brutal activities have been allowed... I am aware of the sentence to be pronounced. Still, I believe that the fight I have been leading for nine years will achieve the desired outcomes".



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YOU SHALL NOT DRAW THE SWORD WITHOUT A CAUSE  
NOR SHALL YOU SHEATHE IT WITHOUT HONOUR!



All cadets reside at the Military Academy of Lithuania. From the very day of the oath they become Lithuanian servicemen and must obey the strict rules of the Lithuanian Armed Forces. The barracks are modern and resemble a small and neat hotel rather than a student hostel. Four cadets share a room equipped with a computer.

Cadets are entirely financed by the state and have all social guarantees. They differ from the students of other universities by their uniforms of three types for different tasks: a service uniform for lectures, a battle dress uniform for exercise and a full dress uniform for special occasions. Cadets are allowed to leave the territory of the Military Academy of Lithuania only with the permission of senior commanders. High achievers, disciplined and exemplary cadets are permitted to leave on weekends.

The life of cadets is strictly scheduled. Their ordinary day starts at 6 a.m. and ends with the evening inspection. Those who have no extra homework go to bed at 10 p.m.

Exercise starts with morning allocation of duties at the parade ground. During the ceremony everybody sings the national anthem while the historical flag and the State Flag of the Republic of Lithuania are raised. Cadets march past the flags and salute them. When the ceremony is over, it is time for lectures that last from 8.15 a.m. to 1.20 p.m. – six academic hours in total. After lunch cadets have a thirty-minute break to take a rest and prepare for a two-hour military training exercise from 2.50 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The evening inspection is also held at the parade ground and finishes by lowering the flags.

Senior cadets are appointed commanders of companies for six months and hold the positions of squad and platoon commanders, deputy company commanders, etc. A position taken is marked by corresponding insignia. The cadets of first and second year are not appointed commanders and have no insignia accordingly as they have to earn their stripes.

The Cadets' Code of Honour plays a special role in every cadet's life for it implants the understanding of honour and moral values, which will lead cadets throughout their studies and further service for the good of the Homeland. The essence of the Code of Honour is well captured by the four major rules: do not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do. The Cadets' Court of Honour controls cadets' compliance with the Code. Only the most authoritative cadets can become members of the Court.

Cadets' Council, a bridge between cadets, command and Lithuanian universities



From the earliest times when people started forming groups, leadership has become an inevitable part of life and survival. A leader has always been the strongest, smartest, brightest and excellent in every other aspect person in a group. And though behaviour and values of such person attract people, a leader is not a superman. He or she enjoys work, knows how to do it and does his or her best. Others simply do not do this.

The Military Academy of Lithuania is the only higher education institution in Lithuania that prepares a fighter – a leader to be unconditionally trusted by servicemen and the people.

Leadership training includes seemingly unrelated areas, such as military ethics, aesthetics, protocol and etiquette, history of military art; however, a true leader is a versatile personality requiring well-rounded education. A true leader is not just a great serviceman, he or she is a decent citizen, patriot and intellectual who appreciates art and behaves correctly in official and unofficial environment; has knowledge of pedagogy, psychology and other subjects seemingly unrelated to warfare. A graduate becomes a platoon commander, a formal one, of nearly thirty servicemen. A young lieutenant may become an informal leader, teacher, psychologist, assistant, intercessor and sometimes a pleasant companion to his or her platoon servicemen due to some personal qualities.

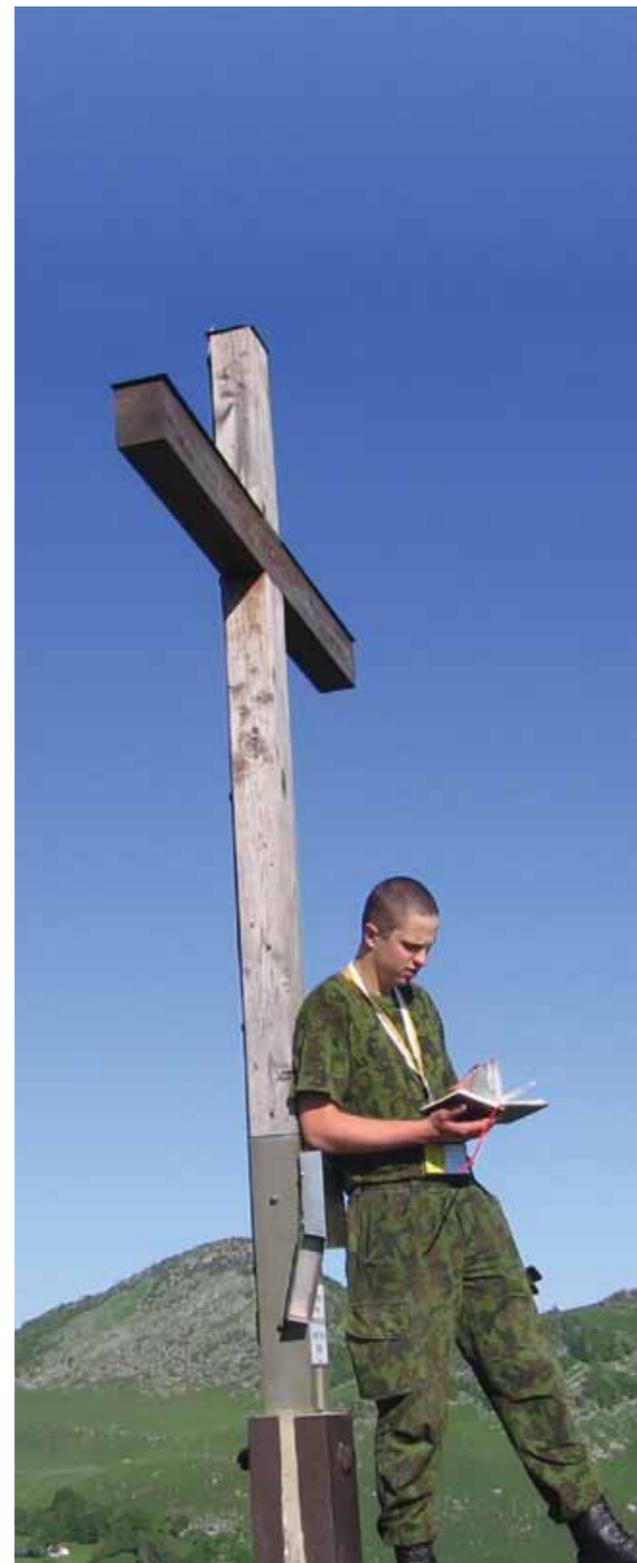
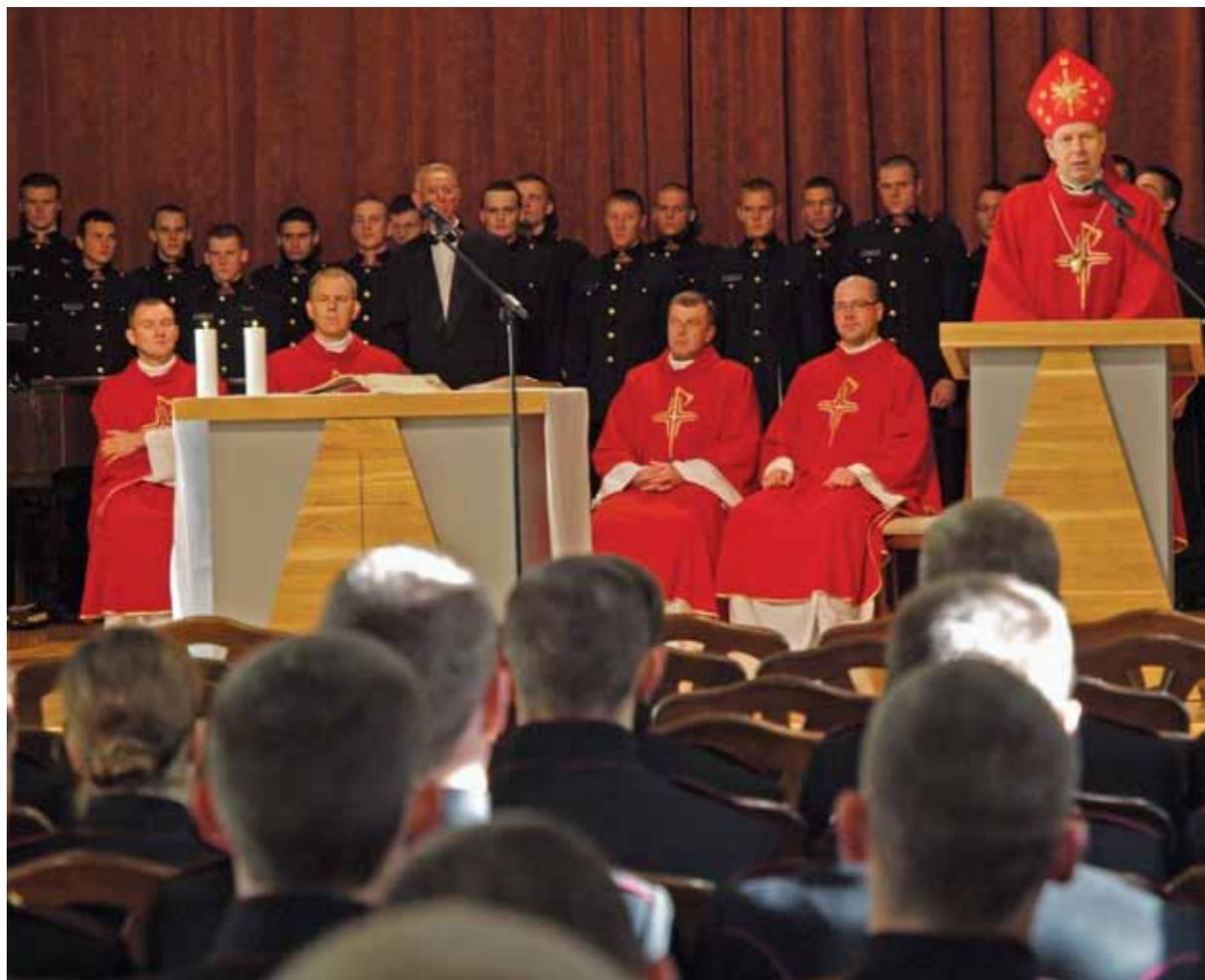
From the very first day at the Military Academy of Lithuania, cadets are made aware that it is the place for active and very dutiful persons, who must do their best, i.e. have stamina during field exercise and ability to concentrate, control and command a platoon; have intelligence and creativity in the studies of theoretical subjects.

Nevertheless, all the knowledge cadets gain at the Military Academy of Lithuania and as lieutenants take away with them is a necessary background for a commander, but mainly it is theoretical knowledge and little experience of life. The diploma is just a stepping-stone to real life, when the leaders start teaching their servicemen and learn simultaneously, thus gaining new experience. Only life will show what kind of leaders and persons they will become. One is not born a leader, one becomes a leader at the Academy. This is the path of an officer.



Cadets' cultural life is meaningful and diverse. They sing in a choir and learn to dance waltz, tango, cha cha and other dances during their second year of studies. Their dance partners are students from Vilnius higher education institutions. During a special evening at the end of the academic year, a competition is held with a qualified jury selecting best pairs.





## A Serviceman at Prayer...

A serviceman carrying the Bible, studying it and applying its statements to his or her life? Why not?

It is often said that it is not modern arms, advanced technologies or the size of the armed forces that determines the victory for it is achieved by servicemen's strength and spiritual maturity. These are the areas of activities the military chaplains of the Lithuanian Armed Forces are engaged in.

In 2001, St. Anselm's Chapel was opened at the Military Academy of Lithuania. Here the religious community has been celebrating Mass and sacraments. United by common faith, we embrace in prayer the entire Academy community and their families.

Alongside academic studies and military training, the Military Academy of Lithuania also provides cadets with spiritual education. Cadets are offered a course on pastoral care. This is a four-year lecture cycle on Christian Doctrine, deep and strong faith, other Christian denominations, and major religions of the world. What for? For the greater awareness of the Christian tradition that had a significant influence on the development of the culture and mentality of Western Europe.

The cadets and the Academy staff eagerly participate in pilgrimages. Every year we go to Šiluva and other religious places in Lithuania; to Lourdes in France that attracts servicemen from all over the world to thank God and pray for peace. Every autumn we go on a pilgrimage from the Hill of Crosses in Šiauliai to Šiluva.

The Academy community can prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage as well as celebrate them.

It has become a nice annual tradition to meet at the International Christian Conference for Young Officers and Cadets in spring. Representatives of 10 countries attend the conference, which enables them to strengthen their faith and share the experiences, thus assuming once again responsibility for being a bearer of good news in their places of service.

Army chaplains devote much time for personal meetings with the Academy staff and servicemen to discuss religious matters and problems relating to their service or family.

Cadets' highly professional assistance at Mass during religious, public and military holidays is worthy of admiration.

Rejoicing at those who follow the road of faith or are still searching for it, we wish you Divine Providence and Peace...



Cadets enjoy spending their leisure time actively. A future officer must constantly exercise to remain calm and strong and to hold up as an inspiring example to his or her servicemen even in the most complex situations. Physical training is one of the most important personality development tools enabling cadets to develop physically and spiritually.

The most popular sports at the Military Academy of Lithuania are military pentathlon, basketball, force triathlon, football, boxing, combat self-defence, track and field athletics, volleyball, beach volleyball, and chess. We are happy to see our sportsmen achieving excellent results not only in the championships organized by the National Defence System but also in a wide range of championships of the Lithuanian higher education institutions, national championships and Baltic States student games and tournaments.

Experienced coaches of the Division of Physical Training have trained many champions and prizewinners of the Lithuanian youth and adults boxing, force triathlon and weightlifting championships. The weightlifting team is a multiple-time prizewinner of the Lithuanian Armed Forces and Lithuanian youth and student weight-lifting championships. Remarkable achievements honour the following sportsmen of the Military Academy of Lithuania: Edgaras Raibužis (force triathlon), Master of Sport, prizewinner of the National Men Championship in 2011 and Lithuanian youth record holder (307.5 kg barbell squat); Andrius Kubilius, Master of Sport, champion of the Lithuanian youth and men weight-lifting (2012) and world student weight-lifting championships.

The teams of beach volleyball and combat self-defence are multiple-time champions and prizewinners of the Lithuanian Armed Forces championships. The combat self-defence team has successfully defended the champion's title five times in a row. In 2011, cadets Mantvydas Miliauskas and Žygimantas Utkus participated in the World Servicemen Boxing Championship. The trackmen team is one of the strongest in the National Defence System and in 2011 it became a prizewinner of the Lithuanian Armed Forces Cross-Country Race. The military pentathlon team has been crowned champion of the most military championships. Volleyball, basketball and football teams participate in Vilnius tournaments all year round.

Alongside academic studies and military training exercises, cadets' daily schedule also includes a 1.5-hour team and individual training. Thus, the Military Academy of Lithuania trains not only leaders but also sports champions.



Cdt. Snieguolė  
PIEKUTĖ



Cdt. Mantas  
GAIDJURGIS

**Who encouraged you to participate in the candidate selection to the Military Academy of Lithuania?**

I learnt about the Academy from my father and it was him who encouraged me. He knew my physical capabilities, will and determination. After long considerations on my future studies, I decided that it was the exact place to realize my potential.

I learnt about the Academy at school when I was in the ninth grade. I was led by my own desire, no external factors or persons influenced my decision to enter the Military Academy of Lithuania.

**More and more girls choose to become cadets. Why?**

Now girls are becoming physically strong, sometimes even stronger than boys. When you see physically and morally weak boys, you instantly wish to be in command of them and become a leader. That is why girls choose the military – for more possibilities of self-expression.

The world is changing as time goes by and more and more girls enjoy and promote this kind of lifestyle. Most likely they enjoy challenges, action, adrenaline and sensations never to be experienced by civilians. I presume these are the primary reasons.

**What did your family say about your wish to become a cadet?**

My parents were glad as they had encouraged me themselves. They would also support my decision to withdraw from the studies if they were too difficult or I disliked them to stop my torment and take a more suitable way. At first my brothers told me that the profession is too difficult for me, but when I entered the Academy and completed the Basic Military Training Course, they accepted the fact.

They reacted positively and supported me wholeheartedly.

**Have you ever been a rifleman, scout or volunteer of the National Defence Volunteer Force?**

No, I have not.

In the period of 2010–2011, I was a serviceman of the professional military service and served in the Reconnaissance Company of the Motorized Infantry Brigade *Iron Wolf*. It is a great honour and pride for me and I think for every serviceman and officer to wear the uniform of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

**What do you think of the selection to the Military Academy of Lithuania, is it necessary?**

In my opinion, it is necessary for it tests physical capabilities and logical thinking of those who wish to study here. According to its results, the best candidates worthy to be cadets are selected.

Yes, it is necessary because not everyone can be a leader, commander or be in command of a group. It is not as easy as it may seem. That is why the selection is indispensable for selecting persons capable of commanding and suitable for the military service.

**Tell us about the challenges you faced during the selection process.**

I cannot say that I faced any special challenges as I had been prepared for them. Perhaps personal leadership tasks that required quick performance which was difficult due to unfamiliar team members and their different personal qualities.

I had to take psychological tests, complete tasks on leadership, planning, 2D (two-dimensional) and 3D (three-dimensional) thinking, mathematics and pass a physical fitness test. Only when all the tests are passed, the Military Medical Expertise Commission decides upon suitability for service.

**What personal qualities are necessary to get selected?**

The key qualities are self-confidence, quick thinking, great task performance and ability to express thoughts fluently.

Those who participate in the selection process should have more self-confidence, express personal opinion fearlessly and be more active. Intelligence, inventiveness and thorough physical fitness are essential qualities for passing professional aptitude test successfully.

**What is still missing to make your dreams come true?**

Besides the long years of studies, aspirations for higher ranks remain, so the dreams are endless in the military as new fields for further self-development and new aims keep occurring.

I wish to graduate from the Military Academy of Lithuania, return to the Reconnaissance Company and later possibly join the Special Forces.

The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania has succeeded in becoming one of the most exceptional higher education institutions in Lithuania mainly due to the modern selection system. Youth selection is organized by the Officer Selection Centre that primarily aims at selecting eligible applicants who have necessary qualities and skills for becoming perfect commanders.

The selection process lasts for two days; the tested groups are composed of 6-10 applicants. The tasks are of great diversity: individual and group ones. It is sometimes required to arrive at a unanimous decision despite different attitudes, lack of time resulting in stress or a great number of rules to be obeyed.

In accordance with strictly defined criteria, the Selection Commission assesses applicants' personal qualities (stress control, resolution, ability to influence others, communication and agreement with different people, etc.) and abilities, such as analyzing, problem solving, logical thinking, spatial orientation and others contributing to the development of the future commander. Particular attention is paid to applicant's motivation for becoming an officer and joining military service at the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

The process of selecting applicants takes place all year round, thus enabling all interested to try their strength prior to the end of the academic year when students are occupied with preparation

for the upcoming school-leaving examinations. The applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

Equal professional aptitude requirements are applied for both male and female applicants except for physical fitness standards that are lowered for females. Those who successfully pass a professional aptitude test and satisfy medical requirements have equal rights to take part in the entrance competition to the Academy. The applicants who have the highest competitive scores in their school-leaving certificates are admitted to the Military Academy of Lithuania.

With the aim of introducing the applicants to the daily military routine, they are accommodated at the barracks where they must submit to discipline, wear military-like uniforms, practice drilling, listen carefully to orders and carry them out throughout the selection process. Senior cadets devote their leisure time for presenting learning and living conditions to the applicants and sharing their experience of military challenges and daily routine.

Furthermore, participation in the selection process is a unique experience as in two days a group of strangers form a strong team, solve challenging group tasks and realize the importance of the input of every team member in team-building. Participation in the selection enriches the applicants with the new knowledge of the Military Academy of Lithuania and specificity of the military service in the Lithuanian Armed Forces.





## Studying is hard but interesting

Academic training at the Military Academy of Lithuania is an integral part of the studies ensuring a high level of officer training and linking scientific achievements to the studies. Besides weapon handling and application of necessary tactics or strategy on the battlefield, a modern officer is also required to understand complex political processes, behave appropriately in different cultural and international environments, have proper communication with civilians, and be well aware of the equipment features and application of the latest training methods.

Academic studies and research is a rapidly evolving area of our activities that faces many changes, matures new ideas, initiates and implements projects. The Military Academy of Lithuania is developing a career centre and study quality assurance system. Academic studies and research are aimed at specializing in military sciences, security and defence while maintaining high academic standards.

Vice-Rector for Studies and Research

Prof. Dr. Valdas RAKUTIS

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Management of Modern Defence Technologies (Military Academy of Lithuania)		Aviation Mechanics Engineering Electronics Engineering Aircraft Control Aircraft Piloting
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MASTER DEGREE STUDIES

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Doctoral studies in Political Science

Academy of Lithuania provides the air force cadets with military training. Having completed the Aircraft Piloting and Air Traffic Control study programmes, the cadets obtain Master's degree and professional qualification in Aviation Mechanics Engineering, while those who complete Automatics, Aviation, Mechanics Engineering or Electronics Engineering study programmes obtain Bachelor's degree and professional qualification in Aerospace Engineering. All graduates join the Air Force of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

## Bachelor Degree Study Programme *International Relations*

The aim of the programme is to provide future officers with knowledge and skills necessary for understanding, analysing and evaluating the structures and processes of international relations. A graduate is expected to demonstrate knowledge of the major terms and theoretical approaches to political science and international relations, national and foreign key political and historic facts, operational principles and rules of national and foreign political institutions and major international organizations; also, a graduate is expected to be able to collect, organize and analyse information, as well as to perform the analysis and evaluation of international political phenomena. Bachelor's degree gained upon the completion of studies is a powerful inducement to start an officer's career, it opens up a possibility to look for a job in the civilian sector, i.e. public, private and international companies and organizations and apply for a position of a domestic and foreign policy analyst, project manager and specialist. It also opens the doors for Master's degree in Political Science or related social sciences.

## Air Force Officer Training

Air force officer training has been carried out since 2007. It is the integrated undergraduate studies undertaken under the agreement between the Military Academy of Lithuania and Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. According to the agreement, both institutions undertook to prepare aviation specialists for the Lithuanian Armed Forces. The future air force officers spend the first and second semesters (Year 1) studying Modern Defence Technology together with the cadets at the Military Academy of Lithuania and later continue their studies at Antanas Gustaitis Aviation Institute of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. Afterwards the Military



## Bachelor Degree Study Programme *Personnel Management*

The study programme is designed for those who have systems and strategic thinking and an ability to organize and lead a team. The aim of the programme is closely linked to the mission of the Military Academy of Lithuania – to prepare an officer maintaining leadership qualities and intelligence; to provide professional knowledge and practical skills necessary for a commander who is motivated and prepared to be in command of military units during wartime and peacetime.

The qualification in Public Administration enables a graduate to start or continue service in the Lithuanian Armed Forces and apply for a job in the civilian sector when the service is completed. The graduates can continue their studies for Master's degree at the Military Academy of Lithuania or other universities.

## Bachelor Degree Study Programme *Management of Modern Defence Technologies*

Since academic year 2012–2013, The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania has been running a new Bachelor degree study programme Management of Modern Defence Technologies in coordination with the military studies. The programme aims to provide thorough knowledge and skills to maintain control of the following three major fields of army technology: transport, armament and information technology. Upon the completion of studies, a graduate will

have the knowledge of operating principles and technical capabilities of modern armament, different information systems used in the military and their peculiarities, computer networks and their operation, electronic warfare risks, maintenance of military equipment, organizing transportation of cargo and people, and solving military logistics tasks. Vast knowledge of management, project management and economics, including company management will enable the graduates to make the most efficient use of material and human resource in their future job. A graduate will be fully prepared for a career in the National Defence System and working for logistics and transport companies as a specialist of these fields; also, he or she will be able to undertake Master degree studies in Transport Engineering Economics, Management Information Systems, Personnel Management or similar fields.

## Navy Officer Training

Since academic year 2012-2013, the Military Academy of Lithuania has been providing the cadets with the Navy Basic Training in association with the Lithuanian Maritime Academy in Klaipėda. Having enrolled in the study programme Management of Modern Defence Technologies at the Military Academy of Lithuania, the cadets who have successfully finished the first semester and have been selected for the Lithuanian Maritime Academy can undertake studies in Klaipėda by choosing Marine Navigation or Exploitation of Ships Power Plants. Military training is attended at the Naval Training Centre in Klaipėda. This stage of studies includes one-year professional marine internship in the civilian fleet. Upon the completion of their studies, the cadets gain a Bachelor's degree, professional qualification and are commissioned as lieutenants. All graduates join the Navy.



## Master Degree Study Programme *Human Resource Management*

The study programme aims at preparing highly intelligent and competent specialists in human resource management able to make and implement original and independent decisions on organizational development and human resource management based on the latest scientific theories and researches.

The programme is designed for the commanders and specialists who have Bachelor's degree in Management and Administration and the experience of management of at least 3 years in the units of the Lithuanian Armed Forces and other statutory organizations.

The Master's degree in Management enables graduates to continue their service in the Lithuanian Armed Forces and perform their duties, including regulation of the daily routine of a unit, and undertaking the mission of the modern military based on the democratic values of society, national and international communication.

## Master Degree Study Programme *Military Diplomacy*

The postgraduate study programme involves the necessary minimum of subjects (History of Diplomacy, Theory of International Relations, International Economics and International Law) for such type of Master degree study programmes. The programme additionally includes Diplomacy and War Studies as two equivalent objects of studies, thus making the programme exceptional among those of International Relations and Diplomacy

offered by other universities in Lithuania.

The Master's degree in Political Science also performs officers' social security function. If an officer cannot continue his or her service and make a career for some reasons, the qualification obtained at the Military Academy of Lithuania creates a possibility to apply for a job in the civilian sector and pursue a higher degree in the fields of political and social sciences.

## Master Degree Study Programme *Public Security and Defence*

The study programme aims at preparing a competent officer and statutory official who is able to think critically and has knowledge of social processes and tendencies of modern society development in the context of national security, political fundamentals of national security and is able to analyse threats for national security and tackle creatively the tasks of national security strategy and defence. The programme is composed of the following three interrelated parts: **Society Studies** (Modern Society Studies, Civil Education Studies, Sustainable Development of the Country, Strategic Communication); **National Security Studies** (National Security and Prevention of Threats, Intelligence Studies, Terrorism Studies, Information Security Studies) and **Defence Studies** (War and Peace Studies, National Security in the Course of History).

The students of the programme Public Security and Defence are prepared for the service in the Lithuanian Armed Forces and work at statutory organizations. Master's degree in Public Security and Defence enables the cadets to continue officer career and pursue the Doctoral degree in Social Sciences.

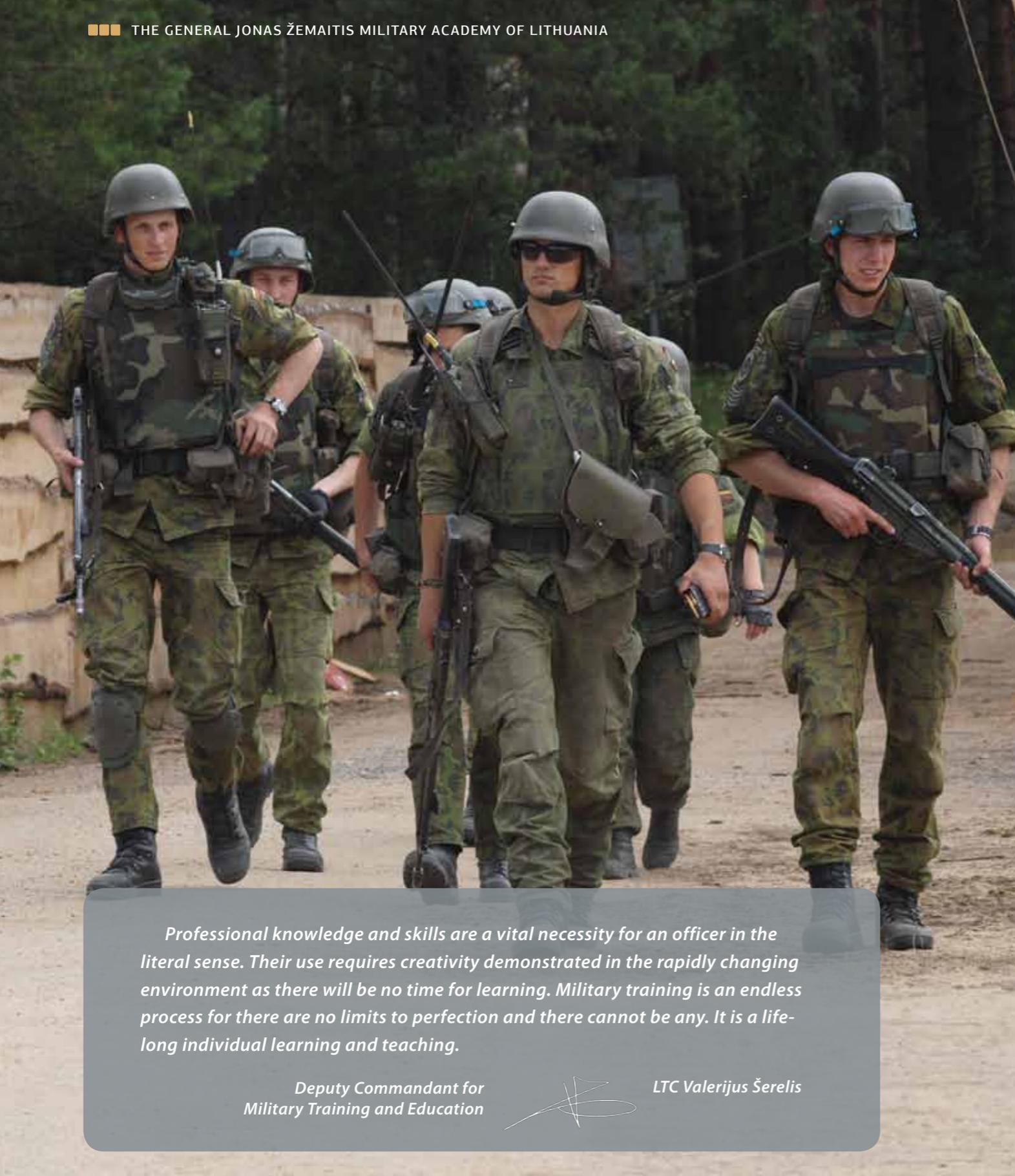


It has become a tradition to award Master's diplomas to part-time students at the Lithuanian Art Museum, a place where the history of Lithuanian officers and military heritage are presented.

## Doctoral Studies

In 2011, the Military Academy of Lithuania was authorized to launch a Doctoral programme in Political Science in association with Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas University of Technology and Klaipėda University. Doctoral studies are monitored by a nine-member Doctoral Committee set up by the scientists of the mentioned universities and the Military Academy of Lithuania. The studies aim at preparing Doctors

in Political Science capable of analysing in depth and making critical evaluation and analysis of political field. Upon the completion of the doctoral study programme, the students receive theoretical, professional and practical preparation for scientific research in the field of political science. They also tackle the issues of international and national security, war and peace, international cooperation security and defence problems.



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*Professional knowledge and skills are a vital necessity for an officer in the literal sense. Their use requires creativity demonstrated in the rapidly changing environment as there will be no time for learning. Military training is an endless process for there are no limits to perfection and there cannot be any. It is a life-long individual learning and teaching.*

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LEVEL	L1 BASIC		L2 TACTICAL		L3 OPERATIONAL	L4 STRATEGIC	
COURSES	Basic Officer Training Course	Specialist training courses	Junior Staff Officer Course	Specialist training courses	Staff officer courses	Command and General Staff Officer Course	War college level courses
					Army Command and Staff Course (Military Academy of Lithuania; since 2011)		
					Air Force Command and Staff Course (Military Academy of Lithuania)		
					Naval Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Latvia)		
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	Lithuanian or foreign military academies		Lithuanian or foreign military academies		Baltic Defence College	Baltic Defence College	
					Foreign educational institutions	War and defence colleges	
HIGHEST POSSIBLE RANK	Capt.		Maj.		Lt. Col.	Col. – Lt. Gen.	
EDUCATION LEVEL	BACHELOR				MASTER		

## Basic Officer Training Course

### The aim:

To prepare officers (platoon commanders, aviation specialists and specialist officers) for the Lithuanian Armed Forces and its reserve capable of carrying out their duties and tasks in combat actions and peacetime; to develop leadership qualities and values and provide future officers with theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary for a platoon commander's position or an equivalent one.

### Organization of platoon commander training:

The responsibility for organizing military studies and officer training lies with the Basic Officer Training Course. Officers must meet platoon commander's qualification requirements imposed by the Chief of Defence of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

The duration of the infantry platoon commander's training is four years. It starts with the very first day of entry to the Military Academy of Lithuania and lasts until the final qualifying examination taken in parallel with the university studies. To satisfy the qualification requirements, the training is divided into the following nine modules:

- Module 1 – Acquisition of Basic Military Knowledge and Individual Preparation of an Infantryman (Year 1)
- Module 2 – Preparation of Section and Acquisition of Theoretical Knowledge (Year 2)
- Module 3 – Platoon-level Battle Functions (Year 3)



### The result:

Having successfully completed the Infantry Platoon Commander's Course, the officers are expected to be able to command a platoon, lead a battle, organize and conduct military exercise, demonstrate knowledge of tactics in the use of platoon armament and equipment and be able to apply basic combat support and supply principles. To gain a Bachelor's degree and an infantry platoon commander's qualification, an officer must complete the Infantry Platoon Commander's Course and pass a qualifying examination. Additionally, he or she obtains a firing supervisor's (stages 1-3) qualification, physical training instructor's qualification, first aid certificate, spotter certificate, environmental protection certificate, occupational safety certificate; the level of the English language proficiency is determined as well.

- Module 4 – Firing Supervisor Course (stages 1-3) and Fundamentals of Tactics (Year 3)
- Module 5 – Infantry Platoon on Patrol (Year 3)
- Module 6 – Infantry Platoon in Attack (Year 4)
- Module 7 – Infantry Platoon in Defence (Year 4)
- Module 8 – Urban Fighting (Year 4)
- Module 9 – Peace Support Operations (Year 4)

During the training, future officers also complete adapted Basic Officer Training Course at the Lithuanian Great Hetman Jonušas Radvila Training Regiment, Infantry Sergeant Course at Division General Stasys Raštikis Lithuanian Armed Forces School and perform their internship in the units of the Lithuanian Armed Forces. At the end of their military training, cadets take a qualifying examination in platoon commander's course and have their knowledge and practical skills tested. For the objective assessment of graduates, the Military Academy of Lithuania invites external examiners from the Lithuanian Armed Forces. Cadets' study progress is assessed by giving ratings, thus allowing selection of the best graduates who can choose their duty station.

The Infantry Platoon Commander's Course is comprised of 3,147 hours, including 626 hours for theoretical exercise and lectures, 1,373 hours for practical exercise and 1,148 hours for field exercise in the training areas.

The Reserve Platoon Commander's Course and Specialist Officer Course are designed in accordance with special programmes.

In order to provide future officers with appropriate military training, the Basic Officer Training Course employs instructors who are professional experts in different areas: individual skills, offence, defence, patrol, urban operations, winter conditions, peace support operations, armament, military engineering, logistics, topography, communication, Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Defence and conducting exercise. These specialists make up the Section of Tactics and Section of Combat Support and Supply that collectively comprise the Basic Officer Training Course.

As military training is based on the principles *battle-focused training* and *learning by doing*, nearly 50% of exercise is practical, allowing future officers to acquire not only basic theoretical knowledge but also practical skills.



## Junior Staff Officer Course

### The aim:

*To prepare competent officers able to perform junior staff officer duties at the battalion staff, develop leadership qualities and provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the history of art of war, political science and warfare.*

### Organization:

Although the course is intended for the Lithuanian officers, foreign officers may be invited as well as the course is conducted in English and Lithuanian. The participants acquire knowledge of tactics, law of armed conflict, communication between civilians and servicemen, military administration, officer-leader training, history of art of war, political science and organization of combat training. Lectures and exercise are conducted in accordance with the Lithuanian and NATO military doctrines, manuals, etc.

The course is comprised of three modules on the advanced reading, company level and battalion level. The length of the course is 92 days (18.5 weeks), excluding Module 1.

Module 1 is a distance learning module based on advanced reading of literature sent to the participants prior to the beginning of the course. The aim of the module is to refresh officers' basic knowledge of tactics. Advanced reading is composed of 40 hours for self-study and a test at the end of the module.

Module 2 aims at providing the participants

with theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary for company-level activities. The module lasts for 29 days (6 weeks) and is conducted in Lithuanian, although the literature in English may be used as well. The activities include lectures, exercise, seminars, practical tasks, and self-study. In the course of the module the participants take a test and a complex examination at the end of the module.

Module 3 is devoted to the preparation of battalion-level officers. The aim of the module is to provide the participants with theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary for the duties of a staff officer at the battalion staff. The module lasts for 63 days (12.5 weeks) and is conducted in English. The activities include lectures, exercise, seminars, practical tasks, and self-study. In the course of the module the participants take a test and a final complex examination at the end of the module.

Foreign participants are invited to Module 3. They attend an additional two-week preparatory course (prior to the beginning of Module 3) and get the summary of Module 2.

The lectures last for up to 8 hours (50 minutes each) per day with 4 extra hours for self-study, i.e. tasks, consultations or discussions based on the learning process.

### The result:

*Having successfully completed the Junior Staff Officer Course, the officers are expected to be able to plan company and battalion-level operations, demonstrate knowledge of the organizational structure of military units, their combat possibilities and major NATO doctrines and be able to apply tactical procedures of the company commander and battalion staff activities.*



in the process of the course organization and implementation, as they teach the participants the analysis of air operations, theoretical and practical planning, logistics and force protection.

**Political Science**

The participants get acquainted with international relations and security theories, transformation of armed forces, major international organizations, fundamentals of international economy and problems of terrorism. A three-week political science course also includes the fundamentals of international humanitarian law and presents the peculiarities of communication with mass media.

**Project Management**

Since a staff officer is directly involved in a wide range of projects, a one-week course on project management has been included in the course to teach officers management skills and human and financial resources management.

**Leadership and Military Ethics**

During a two-week lecture cycle on military ethics and moral principles, the participants acquire theoretical knowledge of ethics and its application in the military task fulfillment.

The principal teaching method used during the course is group work. The participants form three groups and perform tasks in different teaching areas. While fulfilling the tasks, every participant can evaluate and analyze various situations, express opinion and suggest possible solutions. Officers' knowledge is tested and assessed in accordance with the main teaching areas and separate subjects. The assessment is carried out by summarizing test results, individual and group tasks. Individual abilities of active and productive involvement in group work, learning abilities and progress during the course are assessed as well.



**Air Force Command and Staff Course**

**The aim:**

*To prepare Baltic States' air force staff officers able to plan and analyze component-level air operations, use NATO terms and definitions, demonstrate knowledge of armed forces' structure and operations during peacetime, wartime and crises, analyze and evaluate situations and make appropriate decisions.*

**Organization:**

A unique sixteen-week course intended exclusively for the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian air force officers is conducted in English. The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania has been conducting the international course since

2004. The course programme has been designed with regard to the officers' educational background, military knowledge, topicalities of the Baltic States' air forces, future prospects and challenges in task performance and commitments to NATO.

**The course programme is comprised of the following four training areas:**

**Component-level Operations**

It is the broadest training area of the course. In seven weeks the participants get acquainted with military aviation, its history, the latest technologies and their use in modern military conflicts. With regard to the nature of modern conflicts and relevant joint military operations, the participants learn the fundamentals of planning naval and army operations. The instructors of the Royal Danish Air Force Academy actively participate

**The result:**

*Having successfully completed the Air Force Command and Staff Course, the officers are expected to be able to hold the position of a commander at the air force units and staffs and other national and NATO staffs up to the component level and put themselves forward as candidates for the Joint Command and General Staff Course run at the Baltic Defence College or other courses of equivalent level at NATO Defence College.*



## Army Command And Staff Course

### The aim:

*To continue professional development of Lithuanian and foreign senior staff officers; to introduce them to modern methods of warfare, command and control and their application in practice; to develop leadership qualities, loyalty to the Homeland and encourage cherishing values of the Lithuanian Armed Forces.*

The Army Command and Staff Course was started in 2010 under the order of the Minister of National Defence. Earlier the course had been run by the international Baltic Defence College in Tartu (Estonia).

### Organization:

The duration of the course is 19 weeks.

In 2011 the first class enrolled only Lithuanian officers, including 10 captains and 10 majors, while in 2012 there were 10 Latvian and 32 Lithuanian officers admitted to the course. The plans for the year 2013 envisage up to 30 Lithuanian, 10–12 NATO and up to 2 Partnership for Peace countries' officers. The course is conducted in English.

The course programme consists of lectures,

individual tasks, seminars, exercise, academic writing, tests and examinations. The course participants are taught brigade and division operations, tactics, theories of national and international security, project management, leadership and military ethics, war theory, military administration, and combat training. The lectures are delivered by the instructors and lecturers of the Military Academy of Lithuania, servicemen and civilians of the National Defence System and guest lecturers from abroad. Currently the Army Command and Staff Course is an exclusive course of the highest tactical level in the Baltic States. From 2014 the course completion certificate will be obligatory for entering the Baltic Defence College in Tartu or other foreign courses of equivalent level.

### The result:

*Upon the successful completion of studies, the course participants will be able to hold the positions of: a) staff officers (major, lieutenant colonel) at the battalion and brigade-level staffs or component-level international staffs; b) instructors at the military training institutions.*

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## Junior Officer Command Training

### The aim:

*To train reserve officers (platoon commanders) for the Lithuanian Armed Forces; to educate a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania capable of carrying out the constitutional duty to fight with arms in defence of Homeland; to prepare necessary specialists for the Lithuanian Armed Forces.*

### Organization:

The Junior Officer Command Training is a compulsory basic military service providing a reservist with basic military training and preparation to function in a military unit and be in command of it. The three-year training lasts for 162 days and is composed of 1,301 hours that are divided in three stages according to study years: Basic Military Knowledge and Skills (Year 1), Infantry Section Command (Year 2) and Infantry Platoon Command (Year 3). Each year is finished with a fourteen-day training camp.

For more information on the course organization, please visit <ftp://jvkm.lka.lt>

### The result:

*Having successfully completed the course, the participants acquire the reserve platoon commander's qualification, the rank of reserve junior officer (lieutenant) and join junior officer reserve.*

## Company Command Leadership Course

### The aim:

*To train competent officers capable of performing daily duties of company commander, develop leadership skills and provide knowledge necessary for commanding a company.*

### Organization:

The course is designed to train officers for the Lithuanian Armed Forces. It is conducted in Lithuanian with some lectures in English.

The duration of the course is 66 hours (10 days). Daily schedule includes eight hours of lectures, 50 minutes each. The study programme is divided into two modules – Leadership Development and Company Commander's Competence Development. Leadership Development is comprised of Military Administration, Commander-Leader Training and Military Psychology. Company Commander's Competence Development includes Military Administration and combat training.

The course participants have 2-4 hours for daily self-study (after lectures) that is dedicated to learning the educational material, carrying out practical tasks and homework. The time for self-study may also be used for practical tasks and discussions on the learning process.

### The result:

*Having successfully completed the course, the participants acquire the reserve platoon commander's qualification, the rank of reserve junior officer (lieutenant) and join junior officer reserve.*



## Foreign Language Courses

Whether it is native or foreign, language is a primary means of human communication influencing all spheres of life, including mobility and cultural dialogue facilitating citizens' integration. Hence, the languages we know or learn are our great treasure and considerable investment in the present and the future.

The primary aim of the foreign language courses is to assist course participants in learning and applying four communication skills on the adequate level in an integrated way; the skills are necessary for performing functions defined in position descriptions.

The Institute of Foreign Languages, just like other educational institutions, organizes the teaching process in accordance with the study programmes that are developed following the requirements of the Language Proficiency Levels defined by the Lithuanian Military Standard LKS STANAG 6001.

According to the needs of the National Defence System, the Institute runs the following intensive English language courses: basic, second and

international second level courses (4.5 months); third level courses with an interval (6 months); basic, second and third level refresher courses (1 month); courses according to the U.S. international military training programme (4 months); specialized courses of different length. Since 2006, the courses have been attended by more than 3,500 participants, including highest ranking officers of the National Defence System, civil servants, heads and officials of other statutory institutions and services.

The participants are taught by developing their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. At the end of the course they take a test of 100–150 questions followed by speaking and writing tasks. In accordance with overall evaluation of the results and progress during the course, the participants receive a respective level of the English language proficiency and certificates indicating knowledge evaluation expressed as a percentage.

The knowledge gained during the courses enables the servicemen to fulfil challenging international tasks or to hold higher positions. Reserve officers can integrate easier with civilian labour market.

The Military Academy of Lithuania undertakes scientific research in the fields of modern technologies, military history, strategic researches and others.

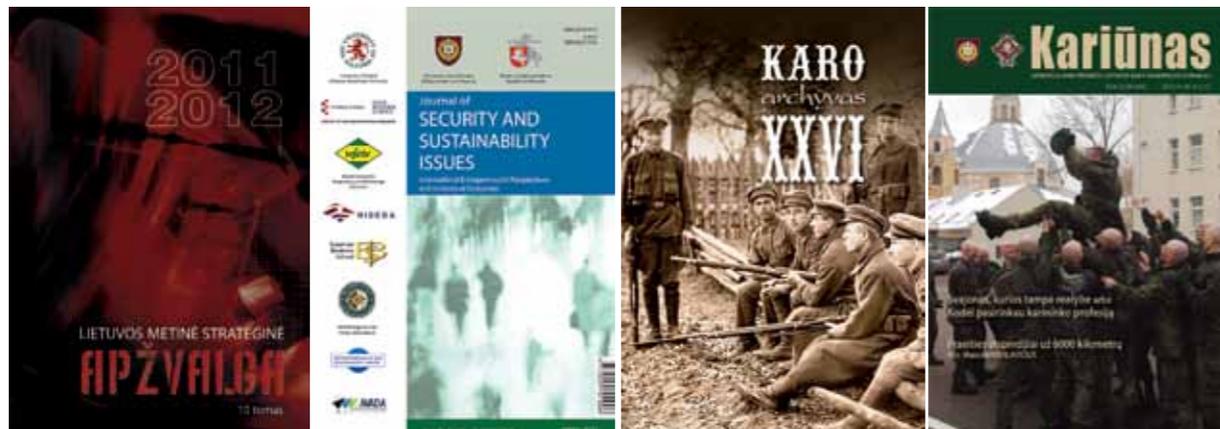
The major fields of research of the Centre of Strategic Research are as follows:

- *Complex analysis and overview of the key changes affecting national defence of Lithuania.* The major result of the researches is a continuous publication *Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review* prepared and published in Lithuanian and English in association with the Department of Political Science. The publication reviews and analyses changes at the regional, national and international level and aims to cover national security issues and present them exhaustively on the national and international arena.

- *Tendencies of military, political and economic development of the Eastern neighbours of Lithuania.* The Centre of Strategic Research pays special attention to the processes in the East due to the country's geopolitical activities. The results of the researches are released in publications or monographs.

- *Researches on the Lithuanian Armed Forces.* The Centre examines professionalization prospects and problems of the Lithuanian Armed Forces and carries out empirical sociological researches. The results are discussed at the scientific conferences, released in monographs and presented in special seminars for commanders of the Lithuanian Armed Forces' units.

## PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS



The Centre of Military History coordinates and performs researches on military history and warfare, employs supporting measures necessary for the implementation of researches, releases scientific publication *War Archive* and organizes lectures, seminars and conferences.

By implementing programmes of scientific researches and developing projects and applied scientific activities, the Centre of Military Technology carries out topical scientific works related to technical equipment and technologies in the field of military technology; conducts examinations of works related to military technologies; provides support (consultations, equipment, publications, etc.) for the departments of the Military Academy of Lithuania in the field of military technology; promotes cooperation with Lithuanian and foreign institutes of science and technology, universities and other educational institutions and companies engaged in scientific researches on defence and military technology.

The issue of the efficient use of energy resources has not been addressed by the National Defence System since the restoration of independence of Lithuania; therefore, it is a new and relevant topic for the researchers of the Department of Engineering Management. The object of the researches is the buildings (energy consumers) of The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania. Future plans involve the implementation of a system (pilot project) allowing optimization of consumption of thermal energy. It is expected that the results of the research will prove the utility of analogous systems for the entire National Defence System.

For many years the Military Academy of Lithuania has been closely cooperating with the institutions of higher military education in Europe and the United States of America. International cooperation has become greater since Lithuania joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union (EU). Close relations were developed with the Military Academy of the Republic of Belarus as well.

Academic cooperation with foreign institutions of higher education in the fields of research and studies includes joint international scientific research, student and teacher exchange programmes, scientific and methodology conferences, joint scientific publications, etc. The researchers and lecturers of the Military Academy of Lithuania are actively engaged in the activities of international scientific societies and associations. Joint cultural and educational projects are also implemented with foreign partners.

**The European student exchange programme Erasmus** enables the Academy to improve its educational process and ensure the quality of studies, promote international cooperation and progress in scientific and educational activities.

According to the bilateral cooperation agreement with the United States of America, Lithuanian cadets undertake full-time four-year studies at the **Military Academy at West Point, Coast Guard Academy, Air Force Academy and Naval Academy**. In the period between 2004 and 2012, 25 cadets graduated from U.S. military academies and joined the Lithuanian Armed Forces.

In 2001, the Military Academy of Lithuania and **Virginia Military Institute** signed a cooperation

agreement that was renewed on 9 July 2009. According to the agreement, every year a third-year Lithuanian cadet undertakes one semester of studies at the Institute, while a U.S. cadet increases his or her knowledge of chosen academic subjects at the Military Academy of Lithuania.

The Academy is actively engaged in the activities of the **Baltic Defence College**, an international military institution financed and established by the three Baltic States. For the integrity of the study programmes, the military academies of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia collectively develop and harmonize them with the ones of the Baltic Defence College as well as send their lecturers and instructors to deliver lectures for the participants of international courses held at the College.

The Military Academy of Lithuania runs international career courses and English courses for the representatives of the Lithuanian Armed Forces and foreign officers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Croatia, Latvia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The cadets and officers of the Military Academy of Lithuania annually participate in the international weeks at the Danish, German, Polish and Estonian military academies, whereas their representatives visit the Lithuanian academy.

To strengthen military training and cooperation with the institutions of higher military education in the European Union, the representatives of the Military Academy of Lithuania annually participate in the European Military Academy Commanders Seminar (EMACS), Baltic Sea Military Academy Conference (BSMAC) and other international conferences.





The Military Academy of Lithuania together with other 14 state universities belongs to the Lithuanian University Rectors' Conference and its committees. As the sole institution of higher military education in Lithuania, the Academy takes advantage of all possible forms of communication and contributes actively to the development of the Lithuanian scientific potential.

The best example of such cooperation between the Military Academy of Lithuania and Antanas Gustaitis Aviation Institute of Gediminas Technical University is a joint Bachelor degree study programme of integrated studies designed for preparation of air force officers. After the first year of studies, aviation cadets continue residing in the Academy and pursuing studies at the Institute that has valuable material resources.

A similar model is designed for preparation of navy officers. The Lithuanian Maritime Academy provides cadets with necessary knowledge and skills of navigation, while the Navy gives them further military training. Cadets spend their first semester at the Academy and later continue their studies in Klaipėda where they reside in the Lithuanian Grand Duke Butigeidis Dragoon Motorized Infantry Battalion. Upon the completion of studies and internship, cadets receive Professional Bachelor's Diploma and the rank of lieutenant. Also, they can undertake Master degree studies at Klaipėda University.

Cooperation in the field of science involves the majority of Lithuanian universities. Particularly close relations were established with the Institute of Defence Technologies of Kaunas University of Technology. In association with Aleksandras Stulginskis University, the Academy performs fuel researches, thus contributing to the implementation of NATO Single Fuel Policy in Lithuania. Joint archaeological and historical researches, cooperation in civil and patriotic education as well as commemoration of public holidays relate the Military Academy of Lithuania with Klaipėda University and Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences. The Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University and the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy of Vytautas Magnus University are partners in preparing *Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review*, a collection of research papers.

By maintaining university relations, the Military Academy of Lithuania aims at satisfying different needs of the National Defence System and fostering cooperation among statutory institutions subordinate to the Lithuanian Armed Forces.



Academic Degree Ceremony for awarding the titles of Professor and Associate Professor at the Military Academy of Lithuania. The ceremony is attended by rectors or vice-rectors of higher education institutions of Lithuania. Former Commandant of the Academy Col. Gintaras Bagdonas is third from left in the front row.





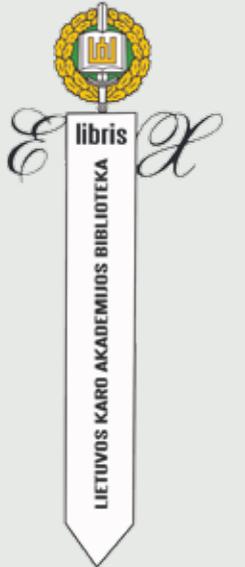
By cultivating relationships with different educational institutions, including those of the National Defence System, and cooperating actively with public and non-governmental organizations, the Military Academy of Lithuania contributes to the civic and national identity education in Lithuania.

Our concern is to create a positive image for the society and to encourage the youth to choose the military profession. For this purpose the Military Academy of Lithuania cooperates closely with general education schools and gymnasiums by fostering moral values and skills of schoolchildren and showing them examples of patriotism and citizenship. In 2001, the Military Academy of Lithuania and Alsėdžiai Secondary School signed a cooperation agreement under which the lecturers and instructors of the Academy established integrated programmes of civil defence education. Alsėdžiai Secondary School is the first secondary school in Lithuania to include civil defence education programme as an optional subject for grades 9–12.

A cooperation agreement with Jonas Žemaitis Lower Secondary School in Šimkaičiai was signed in 2008. Both institutions have devoted special attention to the activities related to civic, patriotic and national identity education representing and presenting General Jonas Žemaitis who was acknowledged the fourth President of the Republic of Lithuania by the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in 2009. Joint events are organized in association with another educational institution named after Jonas Žemaitis – President Jonas Žemaitis Gymnasium in Raseiniai.

Close links connect the Military Academy of Lithuania with Adolfas Ramanauskas-Vanagas Gymnasium in Alytus and Kalveliai Secondary School No. 2 as the institutions encourage closer cooperation among cadets and schoolchildren as well as mutual participation in the joint events.

The Cadets' Council cooperates with the students of the Lithuanian higher education institutions, representatives of educational institutions and youth organizations and engages actively in social and cultural activities. A wide range of events are held at the Military Academy of Lithuania, including meetings with famous persons and presentations of books, films and exhibitions. The Military Academy of Lithuania annually holds *Doors Open Day*, participates in the *Book Fair*, exhibition *Self-Education. Studies. Career* at the Lithuanian exhibition centre LITEXPO and *Higher School Fair* in Kaunas. Cadets visit historical and memorable places in Lithuania and constantly give the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union help by organizing joint camps and conducting exercise for junior riflemen.



The library of The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania is considered the most recently established library among those of other higher education institutions in Lithuania. In the year 1992, the library started its activities concurrently with the National Defence School. Since then the library has collected a wide range of scientific publications related to warfare, military training and university studies necessary not only for cadets but also for officers, sergeants and civilians who attend career and professional development courses at the Military Academy of Lithuania. Currently the catalogues include more than 250,000 publications. Besides the community of the Military Academy of Lithuania, the library is accessible for the officers and specialists of the National Defence System as well as students and lecturers of other higher education institutions.

The library is a member of the Lithuanian Research Library Consortium and Consortium of the Lithuanian Academic Libraries for the Maintenance and Development of Information Infrastructure for Science and Studies. The library performs the search of information on the readers' orders and requests for information on specific topics; also, it holds a collection of different foreign pre-war military magazines. Interlibrary service is offered here as well.

The integrated library system ALEPH-500 implemented in 2000 enabled the library to make use of the integrated electronic catalogue of other higher education institutions in Lithuania. It also enabled reader service and access to the catalogues of Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania.

The library offers access to the following well-known electronic databases: full-text database EBSCO Publishing (since 2005), Oxford Reference Online (since 2006) with more than 1.5 million encyclopedic entries and Oxford Journals Online. The readers are instructed how to use the library database. The catalogues are continually enriched with the publications of the researchers, lecturers and instructors of the Military Academy of Lithuania. Since 2011, scientific publications have been stored in a special database.



The community of the Military Academy of Lithuania maintains a great annual tradition to mark the beginning of the academic year with joint celebration *Rudeniukė*. The event also bids farewell to summer, strengthens and unites the community and families. Everybody enjoys spending time together, competing and socializing in the informal environment, relaxing and eventually throwing oneself into work.

On 16 June, the Military Academy of Lithuania celebrates the establishment of the National Defence School (1992).

Every year the President of the Republic of Lithuania commissions the graduates of the Academy by touching their shoulders with a

sword on Simono Daukanto Square. The time-honoured tradition from the times of knights was continued by the President Antanas Smetona. He commissioned the graduates of the Military School by touching their shoulders with a sword and affirming: "You shall not draw the sword without a cause nor shall you sheathe it without honour!" In 2009, the precept became the motto of the Military Academy of Lithuania.

It is a great honour and commitment to the Homeland, family and relatives for cadets to be sworn in with Gediminas Castle and national flag in sight. After the Basic Officer Training Course at the Lithuanian Great Hetman Jonušas Radvila Training Regiment in Rukla, the first-year cadets take the oath in the historic Old Arsenal Yard of the Lower Castle. The oath ceremony is attended by commanders, parents and relatives.

January 13 is close to every Lithuanian's heart as the tragic events of January 1991 are significant not only to the witnesses but to

all the citizens as well. On this occasion, cadets are acquainted with the defensive operation of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in 1991; they also listen to the memories of the witnesses. It has become a tradition for cadets to discuss those days of January at the educational event in the Seimas and make independent decision on the defence of the Seimas complex and possible ways of offence in the present or past situation. Many cadets participate in the annual international race *Following the Life and Death Road* dedicated to the memory of the Defenders of Freedom.

On the eve of the Day of Restoration of Independence of Lithuania, cadets light a huge bonfire on the historic Stalo Hill and invite the community of the Military Academy of Lithuania to sing songs and listen to the speeches and recollections of the honoured guests.

Every year cadets celebrate *Freshers' Fair* during which the first-year cadets take on interesting challenges. Later they undertake to follow faithfully the Military Code of Ethics, sign the Cadets' Book of Honour and become full members of the Academy community.

*Cadets' Christmas* is a very joyous and awaited celebration as cadets demonstrate their creativity, wit and artistry in staging memorable and fascinating moments of the studies and nominating lecturers, instructors and friends of the year. When the merriment is over, cadets and officers sit around the Christmas Eve table as one big family, share Christmas wafers and wish each other peace.

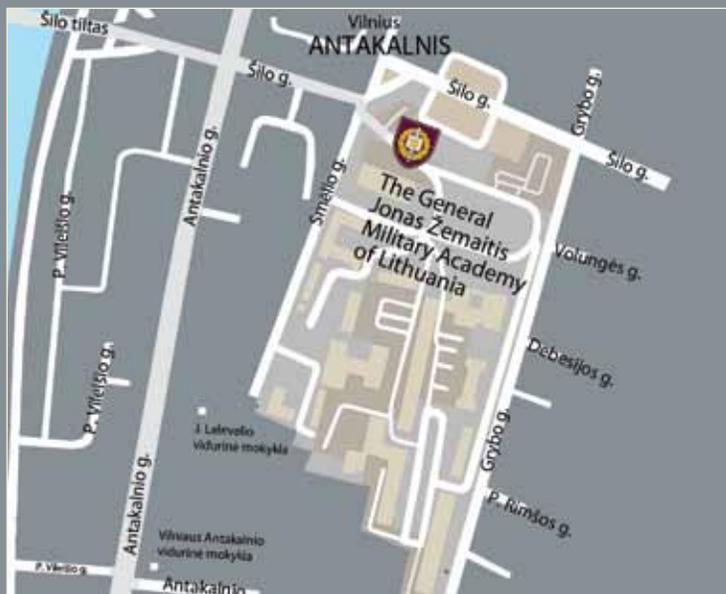
The clubs established at the Military Academy of Lithuania unify the community and representatives of other institutions. In 2010, adventurous travelers started the Travelers' Club, sergeants formed the Sergeants' Club and officers met at the Officers' Club. The latter fosters military culture and national traditions and promotes a healthy lifestyle. The Discussion Club has resumed its activities as well.

The Alumni Association of the Military Academy of Lithuania was formed in 2012. The association helps the graduates, officers, instructors and other employers to maintain relations with the Academy and each other. The Alumni Association aims at contributing to the activities of the Academy, maintaining its good name in the society, fostering military values and helping cadets with preparation for the service in the Lithuanian Armed Forces and application of knowledge and skills acquired.



On the day of graduation every class of graduates plants an oak tree on the territory of the Military Academy of Lithuania





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