

BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL JAGATH JAYASURIYA USP, ndu, psc

Major General Jagath Jayasuriya USP, ndu, psc is the Commander , Security Forces (Wanni).

General Jayasuriya entered the Sri Lanka Army in 1978 and passed out first in order of merit of Intake 10 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 23 January 1980. He has served in various operational and staff positions in peace and operational areas and Commanded 1st Reconnaissance Regiment, Armoured Brigade, an Infantry Brigade, 52 Division and presently commanding Security Forces (Wanni). He is a staff qualified officer and had the distinction of becoming first in order of merit in his Young Officers Course in Pakistan. He was critically wounded during Operation “JAYASIKURU” in 1998.

EDUCATION AND COURSES FOLLOWED

1980 Young Officers Course at School of Armour, Nowshera, Pakistan.
1982 Radio Instructors Course at Armoured Corps Centre and School, India
1987 Senior Tactics Course, SLMA and ATS
1988 Mid Career Course, School of Armour, Nowshera, Pakistan
1989 Defence Services Staff College Course at Wellington, India
1990 Master of Science degree in Defence Studies, University of Madras, India
2004 International Defence Management Course, California, USA
2006 National Defence University, China

ASSIGNMENTS/ APPOINTMENTS HELD

1. July 1978-January 1980, Student, Sri Lanka Military Academy
2. February 1980 – December 1983, Troop Leader, 1st Reconnaissance Regiment
3. January 1984 – July 1985, Adjutant, 1st Reconnaissance Regiment
4. August 1985 – September 1987, Staff Officer Grade 111, Directorate of PA, AHQ
5. October 1987 - May 1989, Squadron Commander, 1st Reconnaissance Regiment
6. June 1989 – May 1990, Graduate Student, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, India
7. June 1990 – December 1990, Brigade Major, 9 Brigade, Jaffna
8. January 1991 – July 1992, Chief Instructor, Officers Study Centre and Staff Officer 11 (Training), Army Training Centre.
9. August 1992 - December 1993, Second in Command, 3rd Reconnaissance Regiment
10. December 1993 – May 1994, Staff Officer Grade 1, Armoured Brigade
11. May 1994 – June 1995, Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Regiment

12. July 1995 – May 1996, GSO 1, Joint Operations HQ
13. June 1996 – August 1997, Colonel Military Secretary, AHQ
14. September 1997 – December 1997, Commander, Armoured Brigade
15. January 1998 – April 1998, Commander, 563 Infantry Brigade
16. July 1998 – June 2002, Military Liaison Officer, Ministry of Defence
17. July 2002 – August 2004, Commandant, Sri Lanka Military Academy
18. September 2004 – November 2004, Student, Defence Resource Management Institute, Naval Post Graduate School, California, USA
19. December 2004 to August 2005, Director of Operations, Army HQ.
20. August 2005 to August 2006 – General Officer Commanding, 52 Division
21. August 2007 to date – Commander, Security Forces (Wanni)

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Uttama Seva Padakkama
Sri Lanka Army 50th Anniversary Medal
Sri Lanka Armed Services Long Service Medal and Clasp
Sri Lanka's 50th year of Independence
Desha Putra Sammanaya
North and East Operations Medal
Poorna Bhoomi Padakkama
Riviresa Campaign Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 23 January 1980
Lieutenant 23 July 1981
Captain 23 July 1984
Major 23 July 1988
Lieutenant Colonel 01 December 1993
Colonel 01 January 2001
Brigadier 02 December 2001
Major General 06 December 2005.