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**Military ceremony for the appointment
of Major General Ștefan Dănilă as Chief of General Staff**

Special points of interests:

- ◆ Military ceremony for the appointment of Major General Ștefan Danila as Chief of General Staff
- ◆ Military ceremony for the appointment of Major General Fanca Carnu as Chief of Air Force Staff
- ◆ Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță Appointed Chief of Land Forces Staff



On Tuesday, December 28, 2010, the military ceremony of handing over the General Staff Command took place at the Ministry of National Defence HQ, in the presence of the Romanian President Traian Basescu and Minister of National Defense, Gabriel Oprea.

Major General Ștefan Danila assumed the responsibilities of the highest military position in the Romanian Armed Forces from Admiral Gheorghe Marin.

The ceremony was attended by senators and deputies, representatives of state institutions, personnel of the central structures of the Ministry of National Defense, commanders, military attachés accredited in Bucharest, active and reserve military personnel.



Photo: Military ceremony for the appointment of Major General Ștefan Danila as Chief of General Staff

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Military ceremony for the appointment of Major General Fănică Cârnu as Chief of Air Force Staff

Major General Fănică Cârnu was appointed as Chief of Air Force Staff during a ceremony attended by the Minister of National Defence Gabriel Oprea, organized at the Air Force Staff location, on Friday, January 7.

The ceremony was also attended by state secretaries Viorel Oancea and Mihail Vasile-Ozunu, the Chief of General Staff, Major General Ștefan Dănilă, generals and officers of the defence ministry, defence attaches of NATO member countries.

During the ceremony, the Presidential decree was read that stipulated the promotion to the rank of four- star General of Lieutenant General Ion-Aurel Stanciu and his subsequent retirement as well as the order of the defence minister for the vesting of Major General Fănică Cârnu with his new office. The old chief of Air Force Staff handed over and the new chief of staff took over the command of the Air Force Staff and its Colours.



Photo: Major General Fănică Cârnu being handed over the Colours of the Air Force Staff (source:www.mapn.ro)

In his speech, defence minister Gabriel Oprea spoke highly of the activity of General Ion-Aurel Stanciu while he was chief of the Air Force Staff saying he was convinced the ongoing projects would be seen through by Major General Cârnu, whom he wished a successful activity.

"The Romanian Armed Forces proved, even in this year marked by the world economic crisis, that they are capable of acting up to their international commitments and still conduct the planned national training missions. Air Police missions conducted in a faultless manner, night and day, troops and material transport in the theaters of operations, the first two new aircraft C-27J SPARTAN, the establishment of a military ER, with significant contributions from the Air Force, other accomplishments of the Air Forces are so important as they have been accomplished with limited resources", the defence minister emphasized.



Photo: Ceremony for the newly appointed Chief of Air Force Staff

(source:www.mapn.ro)

Major General Fănică Cârnu was born on November 5, 1955 in Popești, Vrancea County. He graduated from the pilot class of the Air Force school, in 1977. He started his military career as pilot and pilot commander in an Air Force fighter regiment. He was commander of different structures in the General Staff and the Air Force Staff. Until January 7, he was the Representative of the General Staff at SHAPE.



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Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță appointed Chief of Land Forces Staff

Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță was appointed as Chief of Land Forces Staff during a ceremony attended by the Minister of National Defence Gabriel Oprea, organized at the Land Forces Staff location, on Thursday, January 13.

The ceremony was also attended by state secretaries Viorel Oancea and Mihail Vasile-Ozunu, the Chief of General Staff, Major General Ștefan Dănilă, generals and officers of the defence ministry, defence attaches of NATO member countries.

The order of the defence minister was read for the vesting of Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță with his new office. There followed the hand over/take over the command of Land Forces Staff and of the service Colours.

Minister Gabriel Oprea spoke highly of the activity of Lieutenant General Ghica-Radu while in command of the Land Forces Staff and wished him a fruitful activity in his new position as deputy chief of General Staff. The minister said he strongly believed Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță will honor the office he was vested with.

"I am highly concerned with the safety of our troops operating abroad and this should be one of the first priorities on the agenda of the team you are now leading, General Ioniță. We have the will and the necessary solutions to achieve the assumed missions and goals despite financial constraints. I will make it my personal business seeing that the financial rights of the defence ministry personnel are observed and that the retired military personnel have their pension rights defended: also, I will see that health care service for armed forces personnel is working properly, that people have good living and eating conditions, that the human resources are properly selected, trained and improved. This is also a guideline for the Land Forces that are the main personnel provider for missions abroad" the defence minister Gabriel Oprea said.

Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță was top of his class both at the Military School for Engineer Officers in Râmnicu-Vâlcea (1982) and the Staff and Command College, Engineering section in the Military Academy (1989).

He attended the Postgraduate course for brigade commanders within the Staff and Command College, in 1995 and the National Defence College in 2007.

He began his career at the Military School for WOs and Engineer NCOs as platoon and company commander.

From 1989 to 1991, he was commander of the Training-Experimental Battalion within the Center for Engineer Training; later he held different positions in the Engineer Troops Command and the Land Forces Command.

As of 1999, he held command positions at different levels in the Land Forces Staff.

In January 2009, he was appointed commander of the 10th "Dunărea de Jos" Engineer Brigade and of the Brăila Garrison.



Photo: Brigadier General Ariton Ioniță takes over the Land Forces Colours from Lieutenant General Dan Ghica-Radu

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