

BRIGADIER MUHAMMAD ASGHAR

Career Progression

Brigadier Muhammad Asghar, borne on 11 April 1968, acquired basic education from a Cadet College formerly known as King George's Royal Indian Military School. He was commissioned in the oldest regiment of Corps of Artillery on 6 September 1989, the officer passed out from Military Academy with distinction. He attended various professional courses from 1989 – 1994 besides his employments on important regimental appointments in his parent regiment and deployment in the glaciated war zone.

On completion of Mid Career Course he was posted as General Staff Officer (Operations) in a prestigious Independent Infantry Brigade Group stationed at Rawalpindi from 1994 – 1996. The officer intensively managed operations, training, HR management and Internal Security tasks assigned to him. *This was followed by a two years instructorship as Captain / Major in the Military Academy.*

The officer attended Command and Staff Course during 2001 and was posted as Brigade Major of an Infantry Brigade in the desert sector. He gained comprehensive experience of defensive and offensive operations in view of impending threat from the neighbouring country during 2002. *Attended Australian Command and Staff Course during 2003.*

Brigadier Muhammad Asghar served as second- in- command in his parent regiment and Deputy Assistant Military Secretary in Military Secretary Branch. The officer was responsible for human resources management, career planning and management during these assignments which were followed by his one year deputation to the United Nations Mission in Liberia. He commanded his parent regiment in a desert sector from 2008 – 2010. He has the honour to work as *faculty member at Command and Staff College – Directing Staff and Senior Instructor.*

On successful completion of National Security and War Course from National Defence University in 2012, the Brigadier was posted to the Province of Khayber Pakhtunkhawa to

command divisional artillery supporting an infantry division engaged in combating terrorists in connection with WoT. Besides this the officer also commanded an infantry brigade size Task Force thus dual responsibilities. He gained valuable practical knowledge and experience of counter insurgency operations and the challenges involved in WoT. He was actively pursuing *kinetic and non-kinetic prongs of counter terrorism strategy* that produced meaningful results in his area of responsibility.

He assumed the responsibilities of DA Pakistan in Canberra on 10 Oct 2013.

Military Qualifications

Important courses include following:

- a. National Security and War Course - 2012
- b. Command and Staff Course - 2001
- c. Foreign Staff Course (Australia) - 2003
- d. Officers Gunnery Staff Course - 1999

Academic Qualifications

Important qualifications include:

- a. MSc in Defence Management (from University of Canberra)
- b. MSc - Art and Science of Warfare
- c. MSc - Military Sciences

The officer is currently following M Phil program and aspires to undertake Ph D in future

Brigadier Muhammad Asghar is married and has two son Asfandyar and Ahmad. He can be contacted at dapak@internode.on.net.