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Languages:

- English

Professional CV:

Jan Kovanda, colonel (Col GST ret.), born in 1968. He graduated from the Higher Military School of the Ground Forces in Vyškov (1982–1990), majoring in reconnaissance. In 1990, he joined the 22nd Airborne Brigade in Prostějov. In the unit, which gradually changed from an in-depth reconnaissance to a special forces unit, he worked at all levels of command, including the unit's staff (ZNŠ) and in all units, he commanded the special reconnaissance centre. In 2008, he was transferred to military intelligence and posted to a foreign duty station in Mons, Belgium. He was assigned as a head of the planning department of the International Special Operations Command (NSCC, later NSHQ). During his 3.5year tenure, he completed several exercises at operational headquarters (Naples, Brunssum and Lisbon) as an SME for special forces, including launching the operation in Libya. After his return, he was assigned to the operations department of the Special Forces Directorate. In 2015, as part of the re-subordination of special forces under General Staff, he was appointed head of the emerging department of development and medium-term planning and took over managing the program of development and reproduction of special forces material. On 31 December 2020, he ended his military career and was appointed as an academic staff member of the Centre for Security and Military Strategic Studies at the University of Defence in Brno. During his career, he was sent to foreign missions in Iraq (2004 – intelligence officer) and in Afghanistan (2011–2012 – ISAF Special Forces Command).

Specialization:

- Military art, operations planning
- Creation of use-of-forces scenarios
- Creation of military concepts
- Analysis of the development of the operating environment

Education:

- Operations Planning Course – Oberammergau, Germany (2009)
- Brigade command and staff course - VA Brno 1996–1997
- UO Brno General Staff Course 2018–2019

Projects and grants:

- 2022-2024: POS - Place and role of the Ministry of Defence and the General Staff of the Czech Republic in the process of planning the state's defence in crises
- 2021-2025: Armed conflict "OZKON" (DZRO – University of Defence)
- 2016-2020: Strategic alternatives for the construction and development of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic "STRATAL" (DZRO – University of Defence)

Publications:

- Kovanda, Jan. 2023. "Problems of introducing combat autonomous means into the Czech Army." *Vojenské rozhledy* 2023, 32 (2), 083-097. <https://doi.org/10.3849/2336-2995.32.2023.02.083-097>.
- Curriculum vitae and contact information are valid as of September 26, 2024.