

MAJOR GENERAL WAIDI SHAIBU

CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

Major General Waidi Shaibu was born on 18 December 1971 in Olamaboro Local Government Area of Kogi State. He gained admission into the prestigious Nigerian Defence Academy as a member of the 41 Regular Course in 1989. He was commissioned on 17 September 1994 as a Second Lieutenant into the Nigerian Army Armour Corps. Major General Waidi Shaibu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna – 1993, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Public Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Calabar. Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan. Master's Degree in Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defence University, Washington, D.C., United States of America. He is an Alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Programme in Leadership for the 21st century: Chaos, Conflict and Courage. He holds an Advanced Executive Certificate in Applied Leadership and Strategy from the National Productivity Senior Executive Programme and currently pursuing a PhD in strategic Studies in the University of Ibadan.

Major General Waidi Shaibu has also attended several military courses both home and abroad. Young Officer Course Armour – Nigerian Army Armour School Bauchi (1995). Young Officers Course Infantry- Nigerian Army School of Infantry, Jaji (1996). Company Amphibious Operation Course-Amphibious Training School Calabar (1997). Platoon Commanders Course Armour- Nigerian Army Armour School Bauchi (1998). Communication Instructors Course Armour- Nigerian Army Armour School Bauchi (1998). Junior Staff Course-Ghana (2001). Company Commander's Course Armour-Nigerian Army Armour School Bauchi (2003). Senior Staff Course- Jaji (2005/2006). Exclusive Economic Zone Course 2007. Battalion Commanders Course Armour- Nigerian Army Armour School Bauchi (2011). Defence Resources Management Course- Kenya (2015). Higher Defence Management Course- National Defense College, Abuja (2015/2016). Counter Terrorism Fellows Programme at the College of International Security Affairs- Washington, DC, USA (2017).

Major General Waidi Shaibu has participated in several

operations, both home and abroad. Some of these are, Operation HARMONY, Operation BOYONA. Operation ZAMAN LAFIYA. Operation LAFIYA DOLE. Operation TURA TAKAIBANGO. Operation HADIN KAI. Operation DESERT and LAKE SANITY. African Mission in Sudan. United Nations Mission in Liberia. He was also part of Nigeria's Foreign Training Assistance Mission to Liberia. In the course of his illustrious career, he has held several command, instructional and staff appointments. **a** Platoon Commander 245 Recce Battalion. **b**. ADC to General Officer Commanding 3 Divisions. GSO II Ops at Army Headquarters. **d** Principal Staff Officer/Military Assistant to Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of Liberia. **e**.



f. Company Commander 242 Recce Battalion. **f**. Military Observer/Logistics Officer, African Mission in Sudan **g**. Chief of Staff, 23 Brigade Headquarters, Yola. **h**. Training Officer, Armed Forces Simulation Centre Jaji. **i**. Commanding Officer 243 Battalion Monguno. **j**. Chief Instructor, Nigeria Army Armour School. **k**. Principal Staff Officer (Army) Defence Headquarters. **l**. Assistant Director Peace Keeping Operations Defence Headquarters. **m**. Director Coordination and Directing Staff, National Defence College, Abuja. **n**. Commander 21 Special Armoured Brigade Bama. **o**. Ag Chief of Training for Exercises and Training AHQ Abuja **p**. General Officer Commanding 7 Divisions and Commander Sector 1 Operation HADIN KAI. **q**.

Director of Defence Admin DSA. **r**. Theatre Commander OPHK. He was the Director of Armour Research Nigeria Army Heritage and Future Centre WEF till his present appointment as the Chief of Army Staff. He has received several Honours and awards amongst which are **a**. Distinguished Service Star (DSS), **b**. Distinguished Service Order (DSO LR), **c**. Foreign Training Assistance Medal (FTAM), **d**. Pass Staff College (psc), **e**. Fellow National Defence College Dagger (+). **f**. Command Medal (CM). **g**. Purple Heart Medal for Counter Insurgency Operation in North East. **h**. Field Command Medal (FCM). **i**. Field Command Medal of Honour (FCMH). **j**. General Operation Medal (GOM) **k**. Defence Operations Medal (DOM). The Theatre Commander is a proud member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (MNIM). His hobbies include: Reading, Early morning walk, Deep contemplations 'Major General Waidi Shaibu is happily married and the union is blessed with children.