



CAPTAIN AHMET SERHAT AKYAZI
TURKISH NAVY

**COMMANDER OF STANDING NATO
MINE COUNTERMEASURES GROUP TWO (SNMCMG2)**

Captain Ahmet Serhat AKYAZI was born in Edirne in 1977. His naval education began at the Naval High School in 1991, afterwards he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1999.

His Mine Warfare career started on board of mine sweeper TCG SARIYER as Operations Officer (1999-2001).

After graduated from Mine Clearance Diver Course in 2002, he continued his sea tour as an Operations Officer on board of TCG ENEZ

(2002-2004)(MHC) and TCG AYVALIK (MHC) (2005-2007). Following he served as Executive Officer of TCG ANAMUR (MHC) (2007-2010).

He took the Advance Mine Warfare course in 2009 and the Mine Warfare Staff Officer course in 2010 at EUGERMIN Naval Mine Warfare School. Capt. Akyazi was assigned to the Naval Mine Warfare Training Center as an instructor, additionally POC of Turkish Mine Group Command for the NATO Naval Mine Warfare Working Group (NMWWG) as a twin post in 2010.

In the following period, he served as the Head of the Operations Branch in the Turkish Mine Group Command between 2012-2014.

He was appointed as the Commanding Officer of TCG AMASRA in 2014. On completion of his command, he returned to the Naval Mine Warfare Training Center as the director in 2017.

After 16 years devoted to Mine Warfare, he started to work as a Staff Officer at the Turkish General Staff Plans and Policy Division (J5) Maritime Branch.

Capt. Akyazi served for NATO as the Command Support Section Head in the Defence Planning Requirements Determination Branch at the ACT Staff Element Europe/Mons between 2018-2021. During this period in NATO, He was promoted to Captain in 2019.

After his NATO tour, he returned to the Turkish General Staff Plans and Policy Division (J5) Maritime Branch as the Branch Head.

Captain Akyazi has been attending the Maritime Law and Security Master Programme at the National Defence University.



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