

## **Biographical Sketch: Gideon Avidor**



Brigadier General (Israel Defense Forces, reserve) Gideon Avidor left the IDF in 1999 after 30 years on active service and in active reserve since then.

His career included combat tours with the Armored Corps during the Six Day War (1967) as 520<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade G3; in Yom Kippur War (1973) he was the 252<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division J3; and in the Peace for Galilee war (1982) he served as the Director of Armor.

During his career he commanded the 46<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion; the 421<sup>st</sup> Tank Brigade; the School of Armor; he completed his service with the Armor Corps as the Deputy Commander.

Between 1983 and 1986, BG Avidor served as the Israeli Ministry of Defense and IDF Defense Advisor to Singapore, Australia, Papua New-Guinea, New Zealand, and the Philippines.

He founded the Institute for Land Warfare Studies in 2007, managing it until 2011 before founding the nonprofit Institute for Advanced Military Thinking (IAMT) that head to date.

General Avidor has a Bachelor of Arts in history from Tel-Aviv University and a Master of Arts in geography from Haifa University.

He graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in 1978 and Israeli National Defence College in 1982.