

ALEKSEYEV, VLADIMIR STEPANOVICH

STATUS

ALIVE DEAD UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Vladimir Stepanovich Alekseyev EN
Алексеев Владимир Степанович RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

None found

POSITION & MILITARY RANK

Chief of Staff and First Deputy Chief of the Main Directorate of the General Staff of Russia's Armed Forces; Lieutenant General

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	04	24	1961 ²	Unknown

M-NUMBER

N/A

B-NUMBER

N/A

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Russia, Ukraine, Syria

ASSOCIATED ADDRESS(ES)

Moscow Region, Reutov, Kalinyina St. No. 20, Ap. 35

Moscow, Sadovnicheskaya St. No. 53 (headquarters of the Moscow Military District)

Moscow, Abramtsevskaya St. No 14, Ap. 273 (place of residence of students of the Frunze Military Academy)

Moscow, Festivalnaya St No. 22/ 2, Ap. 13¹

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

None found

Vladimir Stepanovich Alekseyev is chief of staff and first deputy chief of the Main Directorate of the General Staff of Russia's Armed Forces (GRU), which is Russia's military intelligence agency.³ In this role, Alekseyev oversaw alleged Russian intervention in the U.S. presidential elections in 2016⁴ and 2020,⁵ Russian military forces' operations in Syria in 2017,⁶ the poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury in 2018,⁷ and the invasion of Ukraine in 2022.⁸ His military rank is lieutenant general.⁹ Alekseyev's service to the Russian state was acknowledged with multiple military awards, including the Order of St. George, Order of Merit for the Fatherland, Order of Alexander Nevsky, Order of Suvorov, Order of Courage, and Hero of the Russian Federation with a special distinction.¹⁰

Born in Ukraine, in what was then the Vinnytsia Oblast of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, on April 24, 1961, Alekseyev pursued higher education and established his military career in Russia.¹¹ He graduated from the Ryazan Higher Airborne Command School in 1984.¹² He served as the head of the intelligence directorate of the Moscow Military District headquarters and, later, the Far Eastern Military District before being transferred to the central office of the GRU.¹³ In 2011, he became first deputy chief of the GRU¹⁴ and currently serves in this role. In this role, Alekseyev supervised military intelligence during Russia's military operations in Syria, and in 2017, he was awarded the title of the Hero of the Russian Federation for his "courage and heroism."¹⁵

In 2016, Alekseyev was sanctioned by the United States for his role in organizing "malicious cyberattacks" as a part of Russia's attempt to interfere in the U.S. presidential elections.¹⁶ In 2019, Alekseyev orchestrated another interference operation in the 2020 U.S. presidential elections through Rudy Giuliani and the Biden-Ukraine conspiracy theory.¹⁷ He also led a team in Ukraine to spread disinformation and conduct subversive activities.¹⁸ In 2018, Alekseyev oversaw the poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury, for which he was sanctioned by the European Union in 2019.¹⁹ In 2022, the pro-Kremlin Tsargrad TV Channel identified Alekseyev as the top general for intelligence on Ukraine.²⁰ Later that year, Canada imposed sanctions on Alekseyev for his role in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.²¹

According to Russian media, Alekseyev played a key role in the conflict between Yevgeny Prigozhin and the Russian Ministry of Defense by establishing the rival Redut paramilitary formation in 2023, which attracted many former Wagner Group personnel.²² During the Wagner Group mutiny that began on June 23, 2023, Alekseyev appeared in a video condemning Prigozhin's actions as a "coup d'etat" and "a stab in the back of the country and the president." Recalling that "from the first day of the organization's existence" he had "performed combat missions with you," addressing Wagner personnel directly, Alekseyev called on the mutineers to abort their plans.²³ Soon after, Wagner Group-linked social media channels released another video, where Alekseyev, along with Russia's Deputy Minister of Defense Yunus-bek Yevkurov, negotiated with Wagner Group leader Yevgeny Prigozhin in Rostov-on-Don. During that conversation, Prigozhin stated that he wanted to apprehend Chief of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces Valery Gerasimov and then-Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, to which Alekseyev responded, "Take them!"²⁴ Following the rebellion, several high-ranking Russian officers were detained in the Kremlin's attempt "to weed out officers suspected of disloyalty." Alekseyev was among those detained but was later released.²⁵

In 2023, Wagner-linked media reported that Alekseyev, Yevkurov, and General Sergei Surovikin appeared in "African countries, where the Wagner Group is present."²⁶

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER Unknown			NATIONALITY Ukrainian ²⁹	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russian
DOB	M 04	D 24	Y 1961	PLACE OF BIRTH Golod'ki, Ukraine (USSR) ²⁸	
EDUCATION Ryazan Airborne Command School ²⁷					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES

- First Deputy Chief of Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GRU), since 2011
- Major General
- Lieutenant General³³

UNITS SERVED IN N/A	AWARDS 2022, Order of St. George, fourth degree ³⁰ Order of Merit for the Fatherland, fourth degree Order of Alexander Nevsky Order of Suvorov Order of Courage (2) ³¹ 2017, Hero of the Russian Federation with a special distinction – Gold Star medal ³²
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS N/A	

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS**NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS**

None found

TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES

None found

TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs

None found

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS**POLITICAL PARTIES**

None found

VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS

None found

ACTIVIST GROUPS

None found

OTHER

None found

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

December 28–29, 2016

Program: “Executive Order 13694 Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities; Executive Order 13757: Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities.”

Reason statement: “Sanction for “malicious activities in cyberspace” directly involving GRU’s attempts to interfere in U.S. elections.³⁴

EUROPEAN
UNION

April 20, 2023

Authority: French National Asset Freezing System

Reason statement: “Given the position of responsibility he holds within the GRU, he is responsible for the possession, transport, and use of the nerve agent ‘Novichok’ by GRU agents in Salisbury, during the weekend of March 4, 2018.”³⁵

January 21, 2019

Authority: European External Action Service

Program: CHEM³⁶ Restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons.³⁷

Reason statement: “Vladimir Stepanovich Alekseyev is the First Deputy Head of the GRU (a.k.a. GU). Given his senior leadership role in the GRU, Alekseyev is responsible for the possession, transport, and use in Salisbury during the weekend of 4 March 2018 of the toxic nerve agent ‘Novichok’ by officers from the GRU.”³⁸

UNITED KINGDOM

April 20, 2023

Program: Relatives/business associates or partners/links to listed individuals: Anatoliy Vladimirovich Chepiga; Igor Olegovich Kostyukov; Alexander Yevgeniyevich Mishkin.³⁹

December 31, 2020

Program: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Reason statement: “Vladimir Stepanovich Alexseyev is the First Deputy Head of the GRU (a.k.a. GU). Given his senior leadership role in the GRU, Alekseyev is responsible for the possession, transport, and use in Salisbury during the weekend of 4 March 2018 of the toxic nerve agent “Novichok” by officers from the GRU.”⁴⁰



CANADA

August 12, 2022

Program: Elites and close associates of the Regime, Russia

Reason statement: “Canada is imposing new measures on 62 close associates of the Russian regime who are complicit in the Russian regime’s aggression against Ukraine. Among the individuals sanctioned are high-ranking Russian government officials, including Russian federal governors and regional heads, their family members, and senior officials of currently listed defense sector entities.”⁴¹

SWITZERLAND

Not Applicable as of November 2023

AUSTRALIA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND

Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE

By Decree 726/2022 dated 19.10.2022. Appendix 1, item 650. ID in the register: 17601.

JAPAN

Not Applicable as of November 2023

ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

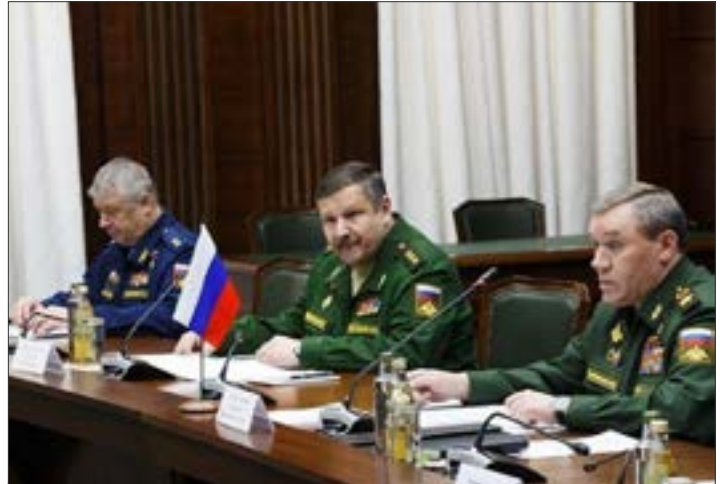
NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Main Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	First Deputy Chief ⁴²
Redut	Facilitated the establishment of the Redut paramilitary formation ⁴³

OTHER ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
None found	



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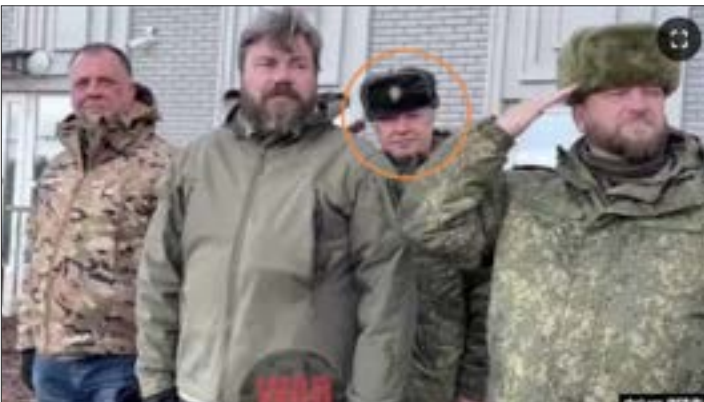


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Alekseyev, Yevkurov, and Prigozhin talking in Rostov following the Wagner rebellion.

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Lieutenant General Vladimir Alekseyev (third from left) in the company of Alexander Borodai, Konstantin Malofeev, and Alexey Kondratyev at the SDD (Union of the Volunteers of Donbas) congress in February 2023.

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ENDNOTES

- 1 <https://archive.is/EM6oO>
- 2 <https://archive.is/TJdfP>
- 3 <https://archive.is/EM6oO>
- 4 <https://archive.is/EmuQz>
- 5 <https://archive.is/gqre8>
- 6 <https://archive.is/EM6oO>
- 7 <https://archive.is/Iw8Tl>
- 8 <https://archive.is/1JTHo>; <https://archive.is/1Nv4>
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- 19 <https://archive.is/Iw8Tl>; <https://ghostarchive.org/archive/6xGB6>; <https://archive.is/CbwR2>
- 20 <https://archive.is/1JTHo>; <https://archive.is/1Nv4>
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- 22 <https://archive.is/YTOcJ>; <https://archive.is/TM3Uj>; <https://archive.is/9Elbn>
- 23 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240823113425/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo2axw6icEc>; <https://archive.is/FNCRT>
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