

# SALIVANOV, SERGEI VASILEVICH

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ALIVE  DEAD  UNKNOWN

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## KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

### FULL NAME

Sergei Vasilevich Salivanov EN

Сергей Васильевич Саливанов RU

### ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

N/A

### CALL SIGN

Salekh EN

Салех RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	05	26	1966	710502788729 <sup>1</sup>

### M-NUMBER

N/A

### B-NUMBER

N/A

## COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Russia, Ukraine, Syria

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Born on May 26, 1966, in Zlatoust, Chelyabinsk region, Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union, Sergei Vasilevich Salivanov is a Russian businessman with a military background. Known by the call sign “Salekh,” he played a key role in establishing the private military company Redut, also known as “SHIELD-STG.” Redut was initially focused on protecting oil and gas facilities in Syria under an agreement with Stroytransgaz; Salivanov served as Redut’s human resources head, as internal documents show.<sup>5</sup> Recent media reports suggest Redut has become a successor to the Wagner Group and is fully controlled by the General Staff of the Ministry of Defense. Salivanov’s current level of involvement in Redut remains unclear, though he has described it as a “freelance structure” for the 45th Guards Spetsnaz Brigade.

Salivanov began his military career at the Sverdlovsk Suvorov Military School, graduating in 1983. He graduated from the Ryazan Higher Airborne Command School in 1987,<sup>6</sup> alongside notable contemporaries Marat Gabidullin and Konstantin Mirzayants, who would both become Wagner members; Yunus-Bek Yevkurov, who would later become a deputy minister of defense, was another contemporary who graduated two years later in 1989. Salivanov gained combat experience during the 1992 Russian peacekeeping campaign in Transnistria; the First Chechen campaign from 1994 to 1995, where he commanded a reconnaissance team in the 106th Division; and operations in Yugoslavia from 1996 to 1997. Since 1997, he has held command positions in the 106th Guards Airborne Division, focusing on troop training at the division’s base near Tula.<sup>7</sup> His military service earned him the Order of Courage.

After his active military service, Salivanov became involved in various civil and cultural organizations. He served as the chairman of the special council of the regional public organization Veterans of Peacekeeping Missions and Local Conflicts. In 2014, he briefly directed the state cultural institution Association of the Historical and Local Lore and Art Museum of the Tula region.<sup>8</sup> From 2012 to 2019, he led the Tula Foundation for the Revival and Development of Cultural Heritage Objects and Support of the Population.<sup>9</sup> This foundation initially focused on restoring the Tula Kremlin, but from 2014 also raised funds for various patriotic projects, including aid for the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics in eastern Ukraine.<sup>10</sup>

Salivanov’s involvement with Redut came under scrutiny in September 2022 when a leaked recording of a meeting between Salivanov and irregular fighters in Syria revealed significant details about Redut’s operations. Salivanov disclosed that Redut had become an unofficial unit of the 45th Guards Spetsnaz Brigade, based in Kubinka-1, Moscow region.<sup>11</sup> He mentioned oligarch Oleg Deripaska’s role in financing Redut and the 45th Brigade, including providing equipment and additional pay for fighters.<sup>12</sup> Salivanov also revealed that Redut was involved in training hundreds of convicted prisoners from Russia’s penal colonies for the war in Ukraine.<sup>13</sup> In an interview following the leak, Salivanov did not deny his role in recruiting for Redut.<sup>14</sup> Salivanov is not subject to any international sanctions as of November 2023.

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**


<b>SEX</b> Male	<b>TAX ID NUMBER</b> 710502788729 <sup>17</sup>			<b>NATIONALITY</b> Russian	<b>CITIZENSHIP(S)</b> Russia
<b>DOB</b>	<b>M</b> 05	<b>D</b> 26	<b>Y</b> 1966 <sup>18</sup>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b> Zlatoust, Chelyabinsk region <sup>16</sup>	
<b>EDUCATION</b> School #21, Zlatoust, Chelyabinsk region Sverdlovsk Suworov Military School, graduated 1983 Ryazan Higher Airborne Command School, graduated 1987 <sup>15</sup>					

**MILITARY SERVICE**


<b>RANKS ACHIEVED &amp; ASSOCIATED DATES</b> Since 1997, he held command positions in the 106th Guards Airborne Division, performing combat training functions at the Training Center named after the 401st anniversary of the Airborne Forces <sup>24</sup>	<b>UNITS SERVED IN</b> 106th Guards Airborne Tula Red Banner, Order of Kutuzov Division, military unit 55599 (1987–at least 2008) <sup>20</sup>
<b>MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS</b> The Transnistria War <sup>21</sup> Chechen Republic <sup>22</sup> Yugoslavia <sup>23</sup>	<b>AWARDS</b> Order of Courage <sup>19</sup>

**REDUT HISTORY**

<b>DATE OF JOINING REDUT</b> Unknown	<b>INJURIES</b> Unknown	<b>DATE AND LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS</b> Syria, 2022 <sup>25</sup>
<b>RANK</b> Deputy commander <sup>26</sup>		

**BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS****NON-REDUT EMPLOYERS**

Union of Historical and Regional Studies and Art Museum, director, 2014<sup>27</sup>

“Regional Fund for the Revival and Development of Cultural Heritage Sites and Support of the Population ‘Tula Kremlin,’” director, 2012–2019<sup>28</sup>

**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**

Special Council of the Regional Public Organization Veterans of Peacekeeping Missions and Local Conflicts (chairman, as of 2008)<sup>29</sup>

**ACTIVIST GROUPS**

None found

**OTHER**

None found



## NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

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“We have an organization called Redut. When we gathered people... now we are already in close contact, at all levels we already act as a freelance structure for the unit of the 45th Brigade; plus, there is training, and there is a basis, the most important thing is that there are competent commanders there.”<sup>30</sup>



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**EUROPEAN  
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**UNITED KINGDOM**

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**CANADA**

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**NEW ZEALAND**      Not Applicable as of November 2023

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**UKRAINE**      Not Applicable as of November 2023

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**JAPAN**      Not Applicable as of November 2023

**ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NATURE OF ASSOCIATION</b>
Konstantin Mirzayants	Commander of Redut <sup>31</sup>
Marat Gabidullin	Former Redut and Wagner employee, whom Salivanov accused of document leaks and antiwar initiatives <sup>32</sup>

**OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NATURE OF ASSOCIATION</b>
al-Maham company	Salivanov reports negotiating prices for security services in Syria <sup>33</sup>



**KNOWN LOCATIONS**

DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
September 2022	Syria	Twinan, Syria	<a href="#">Link</a>	Recruitment among Redut in Syria for Ukraine military campaign



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## ENDNOTES

- 1 Accessed on TG bot Quick OSINT on November 27, 2023, using search query: “Саливанов Сергей Васильевич”. Information obtained from a dataset leaked from the Russian Tax Service (2022).
- 2 C4ADS Document 128; Accessed on <https://search.ot.rocks/> on November 28, 2023, using the following search query: first name = “Сергей”, last name = “Саливанов”. Data obtained from the leaked gemotest.csv dataset has a high confidence correlation to the person of interest based on correlating biographical information.
- 3 Accessed on TG bot Quick OSINT on November 27,2023,3 using the search query: “Саливанов Сергей Васильевич”. Information obtained from a number of datasets leaked from the Russian Tax Service, Gemotest, СДЕК and others.
- 4 Accessed on <https://search.ot.rocks/> on November 28, 2023, using the following search query: first name = “Сергей”, last name = “Саливанов”. Data obtained from the leaked gemotest.csv dataset and has a high confidence correlation to the person of interest based on correlating biographical information.
- 5 C4ADS Document 128
- 6 C4ADS Document 129
- 7 C4ADS Document 129
- 8 <https://archive.ph/yRBaZ>
- 9 <https://archive.ph/BZVKV>
- 10 <https://archive.ph/E7UM0>; <https://archive.ph/8VTe8>; <https://archive.ph/jmvl4>
- 11 <https://archive.ph/UkC5q>
- 12 <https://archive.ph/UkC5q>
- 13 <https://archive.ph/UkC5q>
- 14 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240722142159/>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq8vcZjoSAo>
- 15 <https://archive.ph/67wOo>
- 16 <https://archive.ph/67wOo>
- 17 Accessed on TG bot Quick OSINT on November 27, 2023, using search query: “Саливанов Сергей Васильевич”. Information obtained from a dataset leaked from the Russian Tax Service
- 18 <https://archive.ph/IFf2w>
- 19 <https://archive.ph/67wOo>
- 20 <https://archive.ph/oXVxw>
- 21 From the end of July to December 1992, during the conflict between the Moldovan and Transnistrian Republics, Salivanov served as part of the Russian task force aimed at separating the opposing sides. He entered Bender under the command of General-Major Lebed, who later became the commander of the 141st Combined Arms Army.
- 22 From December 10, 1994, until May 1995, Salivanov served in the Joint Airborne Task Force. During this time, he was located in the Chechen Republic, where he carried out tasks while commanding a divisional reconnaissance unit.
- 23 From late November 1996 to November 1997, Salivanov participated in events in Yugoslavia as part of the 554 Separate Peacekeeping Infantry Battalion. In this deployment, he served as the commander of the 3rd Motorized Rifle Company.
- 24 <https://archive.ph/67wOo>
- 25 <https://archive.ph/FvfaW>
- 26 <https://archive.ph/FvfaW>
- 27 <https://archive.ph/yRBaZ>
- 28 <https://archive.ph/BZVKV>
- 29 <https://archive.ph/67wOo>
- 30 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240722145629/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKSg7Yt1Z9A>
- 31 <https://archive.ph/WiiUy>; <https://archive.ph/IFf2w>
- 32 <https://archive.ph/UkC5q>
- 33 <https://web.archive.org/web/20240722145629/https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKSg7Yt1Z9A>