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TITOV, VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH

STATUS

ALIVE DEAD UNKNOWN

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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Vladimir Vladimirovich Titov EN

Владимир Владимирович Титов RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

Konstantin Konstantinovich Sergeev¹

CALL SIGN

Mekhan EN

Механ RU

DOB	M	D	Y	TAX ID NUMBER
	12	17	1970 ²	391403346979 ³

M-NUMBER

M-0807

B-NUMBER

B-90807

COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Syria⁴, Ukraine⁵

ASSOCIATED EMAIL(S)

None found

ASSOCIATED TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

+7-931-601-9021⁶ VPN in Syria 301⁷

SOCIAL NETWORK PROFILES



None found



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OTHER

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Vladimir Titov, known by the call sign Mekhan, was a Wagner Group commander who gained public attention for his role in the battles for Bakhmut. He was known for appearing in media with his face covered, for example, while leading his group from the asphalt factory to the west of the city in cooperation with Wagner commander Alexander Kuznetsov (call sign “Ratibor”).⁸

Titov was born on December 17, 1970, in Chernyakhovsk, Kaliningrad region of Russia,⁹ in what was then the Soviet Union. His private life remains largely unknown. Internal Wagner documents suggested he lived in the city of Kaliningrad,¹⁰ which was later confirmed when researchers contacted him in late 2023. Titov gained significant combat experience during the Second Chechen War, serving in the naval infantry.¹¹ During his military career, he was awarded four Orders of Courage,¹² the Hero of the Russian Federation medal,¹³ and the Medal of Honor.¹⁴

While internal documents indicated that Titov joined Wagner on May 15, 2015,¹⁵ this date may be questionable. Some social media posts suggest he was involved with the group as early as 2014, possibly indicating his participation in operations in Donbas at that time.¹⁶ Titov himself referred to his earlier involvement in an interview in Bakhmut, comparing the combat training and resources of Ukrainian forces in 2023 to those in 2014.¹⁷ He was one of 25 Wagner tank officers involved in operations in the Deir ez-Zor theater in Syria. An internal 2021 document listed Titov as the commander of the Wagner Group’s tank company, which at the time was listed as deployed to Libya.

Following the capture of Bakhmut, open sources indicated that Titov worked closely with the Russian Armed Forces, appearing in an interview with Mikhail Mizintsev, a former Russian deputy minister of defense for logistics support.¹⁸ As of November 2023, Titov was not subject to international sanctions, with the exception of Ukraine, which imposed sanctions on him on February 26, 2023.¹⁹

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 391403346979 ²¹			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 12	D 17	Y 1970 ²²	PLACE OF BIRTH Chernyakhovsk, Kaliningrad region ²⁰	
EDUCATION None found					

MILITARY SERVICE**RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION**

None found

UNITS SERVED IN Marine Corps ²⁶	AWARDS 4 Orders of Courage ²³ Hero of Russia ²⁴ Medal of Honor ²⁵
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS Second Chechen War ²⁷	



DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M	D	Y	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS
	05	15	2014 ³⁶ 2015 ³⁷	Ukraine, 2014 ²⁸ Storm of Deir ez-Zor ²⁹ Storm of Bakhmut, 2022-2023 ³⁰
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				
2014		Ukraine ³⁵		
July 2017		Syria		
April 2023		Ukraine		
				<p>INJURIES</p> <p>Mild injury³¹</p> <p>Severe injury³²</p>
				<p>RANK</p> <p>Commander of tank company (as of October 2017)³³</p> <p>Commander of the fifth assault detachment (as of 2023)³⁴</p>

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



NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“Ratibor and Mekhan with their detachments certainly did not go with him (although foreign agent Osechkin lied from all angles that they were holding Rostov). Mizintsev, who continued to prepare reinforcements for the training camps, did not go with him. A lot of ‘Wagner’ guys didn’t go with him.”³⁸

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NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“Each war has its own shade, its own style, nothing is the same. This is in any country. And here you have to rebuild and adapt. All the commanders who have been and have been working in our company for a long time also have some experience in this.”³⁹

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**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

**EUROPEAN
UNION**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Not Applicable as of November 2023

CANADA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND

Not Applicable as of November 2023



AUSTRALIA Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Not Applicable as of November 2023

UKRAINE Sanctioned by the National Security and Defense Council under decree 116/2023 on February 26, 2023, as well as by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on February 26, 2023.⁴⁰

JAPAN Not Applicable as of November 2023

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Alexander Kuznetsov	Commander of the First Assault Detachment of Wagner. He was involved in the Storm of Bakhmut alongside Titov. ⁴¹
Boris Nizhevenok	Commander of the Third Assault Detachment of Wagner. He was involved in the Storm of Bakhmut alongside Titov.
Andrei Troshev	Founding member, Chief of Staff of Wagner.
Mikhail Mizintsev	According to Gazeta.ru, took the post of deputy commander of Wagner after his dismissal from the post of Deputy Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation for logistics support of troops. ⁴² Mizintsev appears in the photo with Titov in Bakhmut, published on dzen.ru, as well as in the video excerpt where Titov describes that the transfer of positions from Wagner to the troops of the Russian Armed Forces in Bakhmut goes smoothly. ⁴³

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
None found	N/A



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
April 2023	Ukraine	Bakhmut	Link	In this interview excerpt, Titov talks about the battles in the area of the asphalt plant, ‘the private sector,’ and champagne wine factory (gypsum adits).
July 18, 2017	Syria	N/A	C4ADS⁴⁴	The Excel sheet titled “ТР, АДН” mentions Titov as a company commander in Syria.
2017	Syria	Deir ez-Zur	Link	According to this open source, Titov was among 25 Wagner tankmen engaged in the tank battles in Deir ez-Zor.


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 17 Апрель 05:00


 Позывной «Механ». Командир отряда ЧВК «Вагнер»

Герой России

Кавалер четырёх Орденов Мужества

Награжден Орденом за заслуги перед Отечеством IV степени и медалью За отвагу

В компании с 2014 года

Человек, который прямо сейчас освобождает русский город Артёмовск



A post about Titov published on VK group called “Donetsk DPR News SMO Donbass Russia Novorussia.”

[Source](#)



Photo published by a dzen.ru user @wargonzoya, who went to Bakhmut to talk to Wagner commanders Mekhan and Mizintsev. Mekhan is left.

[Source](#)



Photo published by Leonid Danilevich (right) who resides in Kaliningrad, Titov’s hometown.

[Source](#)

ENDNOTES

- 1 C4ADS Document 101
- 2 C4ADS Document 102
- 3 <https://archive.ph/XtGuT>
- 4 <https://archive.ph/KgSiS>
- 5 <https://archive.ph/cnFLX>
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- 7 C4ADS Document 119
- 8 <https://archive.ph/skjXI>
- 9 C4ADS Document 102
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- 11 <https://archive.ph/SojnL>
- 12 C4ADS Document 116
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- 16 <https://archive.is/OwWgD>; <https://archive.ph/8jJoI>
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- 43 <https://archive.ph/M9MIu>; <https://archive.ph/1TwFP>
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