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YELIZAROV, ANTON OLEGOVICH

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ALIVE



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KNOWN IDENTIFIERS

FULL NAME

Anton Olegovich Yelizarov

EN

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RU

ALTERNATIVE NAMES / ALIASES

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CALL SIGN

Lotus

EN

Лотос

RU

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	05	01	1981	231515072563 ⁶

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COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Central African Republic, Syria, Libya, Ukraine

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OTHER

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Anton Yelizarov (call sign “Lotus”) commanded the Wagner Group’s Seventh Assault Detachment and played an instrumental role in capturing Soledar and Bakhmut in Ukraine during the first half of 2023.¹⁰ Previously, as an assault detachment commander and deputy commander for combat training, he helped shape Wagner’s combat and training operations in Syria, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Libya.¹¹ Since Yevgeny Prigozhin’s death following the June 2023 mutiny, Yelizarov has been associated with the First Volunteer Corps, one of several formations that emerged drawing from veterans of the Prigozhin-era Wagner Group. Born on May 1, 1981, in Zernograd, Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union, Yelizarov is married with a daughter.¹²

Yelizarov’s military education began at the Ulyanovsk Guards Suvorov Military School, from which he graduated in 1998.¹³ In 2003, he completed his studies at Ryazan Guards Higher Airborne School, specializing in multi-purpose tracked and wheeled vehicle operation. His active military service started in 2003 with the Seventh Guards Airborne Division (renamed Airborne Assault Mountain in 2007) in Novorossiysk.¹⁴ He progressed from parachute platoon commander to company commander in the 108th Guards Air Assault Regiment.¹⁵ Photos from August 2013 show him still on active duty, possibly as a senior warrant officer.¹⁶ Later, Yelizarov commanded a special forces unit in the 10th Separate Special Purpose Bridge of Russia’s military intelligence agency (GRU).¹⁷ His deployments included the South Eastern District, the city of Novorossiysk, the village of Molkino (Krasnodar region), and the North Caucasus. In 2016, he was dismissed as captain following a two-year investigation into illegal privatization of state property.¹⁸ Despite his military career, Yelizarov maintained business interests. He was involved in interior design for Donjon (associated with YugGostStroy) and registered a limited liability company (LLC) specializing in real estate and construction work.¹⁹

After his dismissal, Yelizarov joined the Wagner Group in 2016, rising to commander of the Seventh Assault Detachment.²⁰ His subsequent deployments were extensive. In 2017, he served in Syria, where he sustained a shrapnel injury to the hip.²¹ From 2018 to 2019, he was an instructor in the CAR, serving as head of the Bambari base.²² Later, Yelizarov commanded an attack unit in Libya.²³ In 2022, he was deployed to Ukraine and was involved in creating the “people’s militia” in the Belgorod region.²⁴ Yelizarov commanded troops in both Soledar and Bakhmut.²⁵ His successful capture of Soledar in 2023 placed him in the same location and timeline as Alexander Kuznetsov (call sign “Ratibor”), commander of Wagner’s First Assault Detachment.²⁶ His numerous accolades include the Hero of the Russian Federation Gold Star medal, the titles of “Hero of the ‘DPR’” (2022) and “Hero of the ‘LPR’” (2022), two Orders of Courage, and the Order of Merit for the Fatherland (Second Class).²⁷

Yelizarov’s tenure as head of the Bambari base in the CAR coincided with attacks on civilians in the area.²⁸ He was also one of the main commanders during Khalifa Haftar’s assault and siege of Tripoli, Libya, with internal Wagner Group documents placing him in the Tarhunah region. After Haftar’s forces withdrew, investigators discovered mass graves containing hundreds of bodies in Tarhunah.²⁹ Later, Yelizarov commanded forces during the capture of Soledar and Bakhmut in Ukraine,³⁰ operations that allegedly involved atrocity crimes.³¹ In 2023, Yelizarov was sanctioned by the European Union, Switzerland, New Zealand, Ukraine, and Japan for his role in these activities and for compromising Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.³²

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS


SEX Male	TAX ID NUMBER 231515072563 ³⁶			NATIONALITY Russian	CITIZENSHIP(S) Russia
DOB	M 05	D 01	Y 1981 ³⁷	PLACE OF BIRTH Zernograd, Rostov region, Russia ³⁵	
EDUCATION Ulyanovsk Guards Suvorov Military School ³³ Ryazan Guards Higher Airborne School named after General V.F. Margelov ³⁴					

MILITARY SERVICE

RANKS ACHIEVED & ASSOCIATED DATES OF PROMOTION

Dismissed from the army in the rank of captain (2016)⁴⁷

UNITS SERVED IN

Seventh Guards Airborne of the Red Banner Order of Kutuzov Division of the Airborne Forces (2003)

108th Guards Air Assault Kuban Cossack Order of the Red Star Regiment
10th separate special purpose brigade of the Main (intelligence) Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

South Eastern District⁴³

Novorossiysk⁴⁴

Molkin village, Krasnodar Territory⁴⁵

North Caucasus⁴⁶

AWARDS

Hero of Russia with "Gold Star"³⁸

Hero of the 'DPR'³⁹

Hero of the 'LPR'⁴⁰

Two Orders of Courage⁴¹

Order of Merit for the Fatherland, II degree⁴²

DATE OF JOINING WAGNER	M	D	Y 2016 ⁵⁸	NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS Battle of Soledar, August 2, 2022–February 2023 ⁴⁸
DATE & LOCATION OF DEPLOYMENTS				INJURIES
2017		Syria ⁵⁷		Shrapnel to the hip, Syria (2017) ⁴⁹
2018–2019		CAR ⁵⁹		Bullet tangential wound of the left leg (April 24, 2017) ⁵⁰
2020–2021		Libya ⁶⁰		Gunshot shrapnel wound of the right thigh (April 26, 2017) ⁵¹
2022–2023		Ukraine ⁶¹		RANK
				Platoon commander, third assault detachment ⁵²
				Deputy commander, sixth assault detachment (Syria, 2017–2019) ⁵³
				Deputy commander (combat training) (CAR from June 8, 2021; Syria from May 31, 2021) ⁵⁴
				Commander, seventh assault detachment ⁵⁵ (Libya, December 2019–March 2020; Syria, May 2021) ⁵⁶

BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

NON-WAGNER EMPLOYERS	TIES TO OTHER PRIGOZHIN-LINKED ENTITIES	TIES TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES
<p>Novorossiysk guard company “Vimpel-Caucasus” or “Chop Vimpel-Cavkaz LLC,” 2007⁶⁴</p> <p>Personal driver and manager of fuels and lubricants⁶⁵</p>	None found	None found

BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, INCLUDING LLCs

<p>Donjon studio⁶²</p> <p><i>Registered at Inspectorate of the Federal Tax Service No. 1 for the city of Krasnodar:</i></p> <p><i>43.32 Carpentry and carpentry work</i></p> <p><i>43.31 Production of plastering works</i></p> <p><i>43.33 Work on installation of floor coverings and wall cladding</i></p> <p><i>43.34 Production of painting and glass works</i></p> <p><i>43.39 Production of other finishing and finishing works</i></p> <p><i>46.73 Wholesale trade in timber, building materials and sanitary equipment</i></p> <p><i>47.52 Retail trade of hardware, paints and varnishes and glass in specialized stores¹</i></p> <p><i>68.31 Activity of real estate agencies on a fee or contract basis⁶³</i></p> <p>REGISTRATION DATE 09/09/2015</p>

POLITICAL & CIVIC SOCIETY ASSOCIATIONS

POLITICAL PARTIES	VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS	ACTIVIST GROUPS	OTHER
None found	None found	None found	None found



NOTABLE QUOTES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL

“He has not been in this position for a long time, and it is not possible to assess his performance of his duties.”⁶⁶



NOTABLE QUOTES BY INDIVIDUAL

“They are not capable of more than that! Ukrainians have always been looters and freeloaders!”⁶⁷



“Rumors that most of the commanders of the Wagner PMC moved to work under the control of the ministry of defense are just a dream of the ministry of defense... Troshev was never a senior Wagner commander.”⁶⁹



About the woman killed in Syria: “You were there, bitch! you saw what the militants were doing! benderovets fucker! fucking bastard! saloed.”⁶⁸



**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**

Not Applicable as of November 2023

**EUROPEAN
UNION**

Sanctioned under EU Regulation 2023/426 on February 25, 2023.

Reason statement: “Anton Elizarov, code name ‘Lotus,’ is the military commander of the Wagner unit responsible for the capture of the Ukrainian town of Soledar in January 2023. In this position, he is responsible for coordinating and planning operations and for the deployment of mercenaries. He actively participates in the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, he is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.”⁷⁰

UNITED KINGDOM

Not Applicable as of November 2023

CANADA

Not Applicable as of November 2023

SWITZERLAND

Sanctioned under the Embargo Act, measures related to the situation in Ukraine, on March 20, 2023.

Reason statement: “Anton Elizarov, code name ‘Lotus,’ is the military commander of the Wagner unit responsible for the capture of the Ukrainian town of Soledar in January 2023. In this position, he is responsible for coordinating and planning operations and for the deployment of mercenaries. He actively participates in the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, he is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.”⁷¹



AUSTRALIA Not Applicable as of November 2023

NEW ZEALAND Sanctioned under the Russia Sanctions Act on March 31, 2022.

Reason statement: “Wagner Group Commander.”⁷²

UKRAINE Sanctioned by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine on April 1, 2023.⁷³

JAPAN Sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance on May 26, 2023.

Reason statement: “In view of the current international situation surrounding Ukraine and in order to promote international efforts to reach an international settlement aimed at solving this issue, in accordance with the measures taken by other major countries, the Japanese government has introduced after taking measures under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act on the basis of Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers on ‘freezing of assets of individuals and legal entities of the Russian Federation and other measures.’”⁷⁴

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
Alexader Kuznetsov	Commander of the First Assault Detachment of Wagner ⁷⁵
Boris Nizhevenok	Commander of the Third Assault Detachment of Wagner ⁷⁶
Yevgeny Frolov	Commander of the Third Assault Detachment of Wagner in 2017 ⁷⁷
Dmitry Utkin	Founding member of Wagner
Yevgeny Prigozhin	Founding member of Wagner

OTHER ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

NAME	NATURE OF ASSOCIATION
None found	N/A

KNOWN LOCATIONS


DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
2017	Syria	N/A	Link	Shrapnel to the hip.
January 21, 2017	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁷⁸	Mentions Yelizarov as a commander of the reconnaissance platoon of the 3rd assault detachment.
June 1, 2017–August 21, 2017	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁷⁹	Mentions Yelizarov as a commander of the 2nd assault platoon of the 3rd assault company in Syria under Yevgeny Frolov (M-0798) and Boris Nizhevenok (M-1102).
2018–2019	CAR	N/A	Link	Mentions Lotus was an instructor in CAR.
December 2019–February 2020	Libya	Tarhunah	C4ADS ⁸⁰	7th assault detachment (Lotus detachment) deployed in Libya, with the majority in Tarhunah in December and January. In February, special assault group Lotus, together with the Kitaec group, deployed at Tarhunah base.
December 11, 2020	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁸¹	The document suggests that Yelizarov went to Syria from Libya.
August 21, 2020–October 20, 2021	Libya	N/A	C4ADS ⁸²	Mentions Yelizarov as a commander of the 7th assault detachment.
2021	Libya	N/A	Link	Commanded an attack unit in Libya.
March 2021	Libya	N/A	C4ADS ⁸³	Mentioned some personnel of the special assault group Lotus in Libya in March.
May 31, 2021	Syria	N/A	C4ADS ⁸⁴	The document suggests that Yelizarov was deployed to Syria after leaving CAR and being injured.
June 8, 2021	CAR	N/A	C4ADS ⁸⁵	Mentions Lotus in CAR as a commander of the 7th assault detachment.
August 3, 2022–January 16, 2023?	Ukraine	Soledar Belgorod Bakhmut	Link	“‘Lotus’ commanded the ‘Wagnerites’ group in the area of Soledar city.”



DATE	COUNTRY	CITY	EVIDENCE	ACTIVITIES
(Fighting continued through mid-Feb 2023)	Ukraine	Soledar Belgorod Bakhmut	Link	“In October 2022, he participated in the war in Ukraine and was involved in the creation of the ‘people’s militia’ in the Belgorod region. In January 2023, he commanded the Wagner PMC troops during the occupation of Soledar.” ⁸⁶ May have commanded troops in Bakhmut.
Unknown	CAR	Berengo training base	C4ADS ⁸⁷	The document mentions that Yelizarov participated in the cadet’s graduation ceremony and might have possibly been captured by photo and video cameras.
Unknown	Libya	Berengo training base	C4ADS ⁸⁸	The document lists Yelizarov as nominated for the Order of Courage award for the implementation of the service combat mission in Libya.



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Anton Yelizarov (left) and Yevgeny Prigozhin
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Anton Yelizarov (left) and Yevgeny Prigozhin
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Anton Yelizarov (right) and Yevgeny Prigozhin
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Anton Yelizarov (right) and Yevgeny Prigozhin. Like Prigozhin, Yelizarov was decorated with three medals: Hero of Russia, Hero of 'DPR,' and Hero of 'LPR.'

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Yelizarov demonstrated a can of condensed milk ('Rogachev,' Belorussian brand) shipped with other food supplies to Russian positions near Bakhmut

[Source](#)



Photo posted by Yelizarov's niece on Airborne Forces day (August 2, 2013)

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