

New Commander

Lieutenant General Mauro DEL VECCHIO (IT Army) Commander HQ NATO RAPID DEPLOYABLE CORPS - IT



Lieutenant General Mauro DEL VECCHIO was born in 1946, in Rome, Italy. He attended the Military Academy Course in 1965, where he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. He attended the Turin School of Application and after two years he was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant of "bersaglieri" infantry.

His military education also includes Italian Army War College (Basic and Advanced Courses), equitation course, psychological warfare and parachuting courses.

His command appointments include periods as Infantry Platoon and Company Commanders, Commanding Officer of the 1st Bersaglieri Battalion "La Marmora", Commander of the Military District of Florence, and Commander of "Garibaldi" Bersaglieri

Brigade (1997-1999) in Caserta and Commander of the School of Application and Specialization (2000-2003) in Turin.

He has had considerable International experience including periods spent as Commander of Multinational units deployed in Operations in the Balkans area, such as Bosnia 1997, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Kosovo in 1999; for those operations he was awarded the following decorations: Great Officer to the Italian Republic Merit, the Knight's Cross of the Italian Republic Military Order, the Legion of Merit awarded by the Spanish Minister of Defence and the Portuguese First Class of Merit Medal.

Since November 2002 he has been appointed President of Council of the Italian Military Order.

Most recently he covered the assignment of Deputy Chief of Manpower Department within the Italian Army General Staff. On 13 January 2004 he was promoted to Lieutenant General and on 20 February he assumed the appointment of Commander of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps-Italy.

Lt. Gen. Del Vecchio holds a degree in Strategic Science and his decorations include Army Bronze Medal, "Mauriziana" Medal, Gold Cross for Long service, Silver Medal for Long period of Command, Commemorative Cross for the Peace Mission in Bosnia Herzegovina, in Kosovo and in Fyrom-Albania, Commemorative Medal for Relief Operations in Friuli and the Knight's Malta Commendation Medal for Relief Operations in the former Yugoslavia.

