

## Major General ITA Giuseppino VACCINO Chief of Staff NRDC-IT



Major General Giuseppino Vaccino was born in Vercelli the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1952. After secondary school he attended the Military Academy in Modena, the two year course at the Branch School in TORINO and on 1 September 1975 was commissioned into the 4<sup>th</sup> alpini Regiment of the "Taurinense" Brigade.

Early appointments included platoon leader in both "Saluzzo" and "Susa" alpini battalions and company commander when the "Susa" Battalion was part of SACEUR's AMF(L) Rapid Reaction Force. In this period he participated with his company in numerous exercises in North Norway and Denmark.

After attending Italian Army War College in 1986 he was appointed S1 and subsequently S3 in the "Bassano" Battalion of the 6<sup>th</sup> Alpini Regiment in San Candido.

In 1989 he attended the General Staff Course and was subsequently appointed Chief Operations in the 4<sup>th</sup>

Alpini Corps Headquarters in BOLZANO. From 1991 to 1993 he assumed Command of the "Tolmezzo" Alpini Battalion of the "Julia" Brigade in Venzone. From 1993 to 1995 he was appointed Chief of Staff of the "Tridentina" Brigade in BRESSANONE.

Promoted Colonel in 1995 he was appointed Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpini Regiment, during which tour he deployed with his regiment to Bosnia

Herzegovina on Operation "Constant Guard".

In 1997 he assumed the post of Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Corps Headquarters in Bolzano. In 1998 he was appointed Defense Attaché in Ljubljana (SLO). Promoted Brigadier General in 2001, upon his return to Italy he assumed Command for 2 years of the Military Mountain School in AOSTA. Subsequently in 2003 he was appointed Commander of the "Taurinense" Alpini Brigade and concurrently Commander of the NRF 3 Land Component.

In October 2004 he moved to Sarajevo and assumed the appointment of Deputy Commander of European Union Force for Operation "Althea" in Bosnia & Herzegovina. On 15 May 2006 he was appointed as Chief of Staff of NRDC – Italy.

He is a graduate in Strategic Science at the TORINO University, is a

specialist in mountain and arctic warfare and speaks English, French and Slovenian.

He is married to Emanuela, with whom he has a daughter Stella and three sons Matteo, Stefano and Emanuele. His interests include mountaineering, gardening and good food.

