



Ferraioli Farewell

by **CAPT (ITA A) Sandro IERVOLINO**

On 27 February, NRDC-ITA and the RSC Division said farewell to one senior member of our HQ, after 42 years in the Italian Army WO Antonio Ferraioli retired. Nobody thought that this could happen! Ferraioli spent 7 years in our Division, and has become an irreplaceable figure. Whoever had a problem could ask his help, he was able to find, thanks to his huge experience, an answer to all problems. Even for those of us who know WO Ferraioli well, it is useful to give some important details about his long military career. He was born in Sant'Egidio del Monte Albino (SA) in 1950 and joined the army in 1968. After the Non commissioned Officer Academy he attended a qualifying course at the Infantry School and the anti-sabotage course.

In 1969 he was assigned to the 68° Mechanized Battalion "Legnano" based in Bergamo and appointed as pioneer squad leader. He served in the 68° Battalion until 1989 when he moved to "Legnano" Brigade HQ where he served in several sectors, G1 branch, legal section etc. During the period 1998–2001 he served as Management Budget NCO and as Manning Personnel Officer in the HQ of "Forze Operative di Proiezione". In 2001 he was one of the "founding fathers" of the NRDC-ITA, making a great contribution to the building of our HQ. In the NRDC-ITA HQ he has been both a deputy and chief clerk, and in particular, as RSC Division chief clerk he became a point of reference both for superiors and colleagues. Throughout his career he has been involved in operations abroad, serving in Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo, Somalia and Afghanistan. His awards and decorations include the UN and the National Awards for these Missions and among others, the Gold Army Service Cross; "Mauriziana" Medal; Long Command Silver Medal. All RSC staff personnel wanted to participate in Ferraioli's farewell, and a very friendly lunch took place on 18 February in the OR's club during which Col. Quintilio FERRI, RSC Senitoff, said few words, thanking him for his professionalism and willingness. WO Ferraioli wanted to greet and thank all HQ staff elements and underlined that NRDC-ITA has been and will remain his second family. We all hope that Ferraioli had the farewell a soldier who spent 42 years of his life in the army deserves.

Good luck and all the best for your future, we will miss you, Antonio.



Soldier and NCO of the Quarter Oct – Dec 2009

by **WO1 (ITA A) Mario BOSCU**

Solbiate Olona, Italy (Feb. 09, 2010) A Spanish Army Soldier from NRDC-ITA CSS Division and an Italian Army Warrant Officer 2 from Support Brigade-1st Signal Regiment were nominated as Soldier and NCO of the IV Quarter 2009 in a ceremony at the HQ NRDC-ITA.

OR4 Oscar PUEBLA FRAILE from the CSS Division (left) Soldier of the IV Quarter 2009 and WO2 Stefano BOLOGNINO from the 1st Signal Regiment NCO of the IV Quarter 2009.

Puebla Fraile and Stefano Bolognino will go on to represent their units in the NRDC-ITA Soldier and NCO of the Year 2009 at HQ NRDC-ITA, Solbiate Olona, Italy, in May, where they will compete with winners from all NRDC-ITA major units.

We wish them both the very best of luck.



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