



**Renato LEPORE**

Commander Southern Operational Centre (SOC)  
NATO Support and Procurement Agency

Curriculum vitae



Mr Renato LEPORE was born in 1959 in Molfetta, Italy.

### Career:

Mr. Lepore attended the 160<sup>th</sup> Military Academy Course (1978 – 1980) in Modena and the Military School of Application and Specialization in Turin (1980 – 1982), he was assigned to the Signal Corps and commissioned First Lieutenant.

In his early career, he was appointed as Signal Platoon and Company Commander at the 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion in the North-East Italy (1983-1985). Afterwards, he was assigned as Company Commander and Instructor at the Army Signal School in Rome (1985–1988).

In the period of 1989- 1992, he was appointed as Company Commander and Chief of Logistic Branch at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sig Battalion in Milan. He attended the General Staff Course (1992-1993) at the Italian Army War College and, in 1993, he was appointed as Company Commander and Instructor at the Joint Signal School in Chiavari.

In 1994 he was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> UK Division and Signal Regt. in Bulford (UK) within an Offices Exchange Program between the UK and Italian Army. In 1995 he was promoted Major and assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> (ITA) Framework Division in Milan as Chief of CIS and EW Branch.

In the period 1996 -1999 he was assigned to the ACE Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC HQ) in Rehimdahlen (GE) as Interoperability and Strategic CIS Systems Staff Officer. During ARRC assignment he was deployed as G6 OPS Staff Officer in:

- Sarajevo (BiH) HQ IFOR (1996);
- Skopje (FYROM) and Pristina (Kosovo) during Operation Joint Guardian (1999);

For the mission in Kosovo, he was awarded with both COMKFOR's Commendation and the Italian Army Bronze Cross.

In the period 1999-2001, promoted Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Lepore took over command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion in Milan. During this period, he was deployed in Pec (Kosovo) two times (2000 and 2001) as Battalion Commander for Operation "Joint Guardian" and "Joint Guarantor" (KFOR). After deployment, he was awarded with the Italian Army Bronze Cross.

In the period 2002-2005 he was appointed as ITA NATO Rapid Deployable Corps - G6 OPS Branch Chief in Solbiate Olona (Italy) and from 2006 to 2008, he was assigned to NAHEMA in Aix en Provence (FRA), as CIS Officer and INFOSEC.

Mr. Lepore was promoted to full Colonel in 2007 and from 2008-2009, he was Commander of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Signal Regiment in Padova.

In December 2009, he joined NSPA, as Seconded Staff, and appointed SOC Commander.

In 2015 he retired from the ITA Army as Brigadier General continuing in his duty as SOC Commander.

Among his many distinctions, Mr. Lepore is awarded with:

- NATO Medal for Operations in Bosnia, Fyrom and Kosovo;
- Italian Commemorative Cross Medals for Operations in Albania, Bosnia, Fyrom and Kosovo.
- He is Officer Knight of the Italian Republic Order of Merit.

His decoration and awards include:

- Long Meritorious Command Medal;
- Golden Cross for Seniority of Service;
- Mauriziana Medal;
- Two Bronze Cross Army Commendation.

While serving NSPA in 2013 he was awarded with the NATO Meritorious Service Medal.

Personal Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Strategic Sciences
- Bachelor's degree in International Political Sciences

Married, with two children.