



***Italian Navy***  
***Rear Admiral***  
**Salvatore VITIELLO**

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*Biographical Notes*

**Rear Admiral Salvatore VITIELLO** was born on the island of Elba on 1 September 1962; he attended the Naval Academy of Livorno from 1981 to 1985, graduating in Maritime and Naval Sciences. In his long career, he has held many important assignments on board of Naval Units, in the Navy and Defense Staff. Among these: Commanding Officer of the offshore patrol vessel ITS Spica 1993-94, Commanding Officer of the "Leviathan" Course of the Francesco Morosini Naval College of Venice, Commanding Officer of the ITS Zeffiro Frigate 2002/03, Commanding Officer of the 1st and 2nd Patrol Squadrons 2003/04, Commanding Officer of the Auxiliary and Replenishment Ship ITS Etna 2008/2009. In 2014/2016 he held the prestigious assignment of Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Navy. Commanding Officer of the Third Naval Division (COMDINAV TRE), of the national Amphibious Task Force (CATF) and of the Italian-Spanish Amphibious Force (SIAF) in 2016-17. In 2006, he participated in Operation "Leonte" in Lebanon. On November 17, 2017, he assumed the assignment of Admiral Commanding Officer of South Maritime Command. Rear Admiral Salvatore VITIELLO is awarded with the following honors:

- ✓ Official Order of Merit of the Italian Republic;
- ✓ Mauritian Medal of Merit for ten decades of military career;
- ✓ Military Medal to the merit of Long Command (Bronze - 10 years);
- ✓ Medal of Honor of Long Navigation (Silver - 15 years);

- ✓ Gold Cross of Seniority (25 years);
- ✓ Commemorative Medal Operation “Leonte”.

He is married to Sabrina and has 2 children, Wilson and Stefania Benedetta. He has a passion for sailing and deep-sea fishing.