



Biography



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Col. Aturo DI MARTINO

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Colonel Arturo DI MARTINO joined the Italian Air Force Academy in 1989 and graduated in 1993.

After attending at the Undergraduate Pilot Training, at Vance Air Force Base (Enid, Oklahoma), from 1993 until 1994, and after having gained his Military Pilot “Wings”, he was assigned to the 41st Stormo, at Sigonella Air Force Base, where he served as a Pilot until 2009. During his operational career at Sigonella, Col. DI MARTINO filled several positions related with training management Aircrews and with training standardization. In the meanwhile, Col. DI MARTINO had been flying a total of more than 4.500 flying hours as Pilot, Pilot In Command, Instructor Pilot, Evaluator Pilot and as Production Test Pilot, conducting also Functional Check Flights on the Br-1150 Atlantic. In 2007, he was appointed as 86th Aircrew Training Center Commander, responsible for the training of all the new crew members and for the standardization of training and procedures for all the crews. In 2008, he was appointed as 88th Flying Squadron Commander.

In 2009, Col. DI MARTINO was selected to attend the Italian Joint Services Staff College in Rome, where he gained his Master on “Strategic Studies for Security and Defence”.

In 2010, Col. DI MARTINO was assigned at the Italian Air Force Staff - 1st Division, responsible for Personnel, Regulations and Organizational Design.

In 2013, Col. DI MARTINO was assigned at the NATO E-3A Component, in Geilenkirchen (DEU), as Training Wing Commander and as Operations Wing Commander, being responsible for the execution of all the operational activities tasked by NATO to the NATO AWACS, flown from 5 different location, across all Europe, and from a location in Afghanistan, while guaranteeing an efficient and a self-sustainable training process, in order to maintain the highest standards in a multinational environment (16 different nations), like the NAEW&C Force, where all the crew personnel (coming from 11 different professional backgrounds and training profiles) rotates, on average, every four years. In addition, Col. DI MARTINO was responsible for the management of a one of a kind organizational restructuring, while downsizing the two units that Col. DI MARTINO was leading at that time. This restructuring process eventually culminated with the Training Wing merging with the Operations Wing, while keeping the same quality of training. The above mentioned organizational restructuring required a total review of all the internal processes and

procedures. All of this was conducted without stopping any training and any operational activity, in a context where the operational demand from the NATO nations had been constantly increasing for the NAEW&C Force. For all of the above, Col. DI MARTINO was awarded by the NATO Secretary General, Jens STOLTENBERG, in 2017, with the NATO Meritorious Service Medal.

In July 2017, Col. DI MARTINO was assigned to the Italian Air Force Staff, 1st Division, appointed as Chief of the Office for the Air Force Organizational Design, responsible to identify and propose the most suitable organizational design for all units of the Italian Air Force that needed to be reorganized, aiming to find the best balance between operational needs and available human resources.

In 2019, Col. DI MARTINO was designated as Chief of the Office responsible for the appointment of General Officers and Colonels, in the Human Resources Management Directorate of the Italian Air Force, and in 2021 he was selected to fill the position of Support Division Head at NAPMA.

Col. DI MARTINO attended, beside the others, the following courses: Electronic Warfare Course (Shearwater, Canada), Flight Safety Officer Course (Flight Safety Superior Institute, Rome - Italy), Production Test Pilot Course (Italian Air Force Flight Test Division, Pratica di Mare – Italy), Crew Resources Management Facilitator Course (CTI, Memphis, USA), Human Factor Course (University of South California, Los Angeles – USA), Legal Advisor Course (CASD, Rome – Italy), Defence Resources Management Course (DRMI, Monterey – USA).

Col. DI MARTINO has four university degrees: in Aeronautical Science (University of Naples, Italy), in International and Diplomatic Science (University of Trieste, Italy), a Master in Strategic Studies for Security and Defence (CASD/Luiss University of Rome, Italy) and a Master in “Geopolitics economic globalization and international institutions” (State University of Teramo, Italy).

Col. DI MARTINO was born in Catania, on the 28th of January 1969, he is married with Kristina and has a daughter, Adelaide, and a son, Dante.

Education:

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Bachelor in International and Diplomatic Science, University of Trieste, Italy;

Master in Strategic Studies for Security and Defence, CASD/Luiss University of Rome, Italy;

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Major Awards and Decorations:

NATO Medal for the operations in Former Republic of Yugoslavia;

WEO Medal for the Peace-keeping operations in Bosnia-Erzegovina;

NATO Medal for the operations in Kosovo;

Golden Starred Cross for long military service;

Silver Medal for long flying duties;

NATO Meritorious Service Medal;

Silver Medal of Merit for long Command duties;

5th Class/Knight of the “Order of Merit of the Italian Republic”.