



Colonel Antonio Del Gaudio, is married with Mrs. Simonetta Madau and have two daughters, Beatrice e Angelica. He was born on 29th April 1969 in Naples, where he graduated from the Military School “Nunziatella” in 1987; entered the Military Academy in Modena with the 169th Course, which he regularly completed in Turin in 1991, when he was commissioned as an Artillery 2nd Lt.

Completed his specialization in Anti-Aircraft Artillery and as 1st Lt, started in 1992 a 6 years tour throughout the many AAA Regiments in Northern Italy, where he served as Battery Commander, gaining experience in the AAA systems 40/70, Skyguard, Hawk and Stinger.

He spent part of 1997 and 1998 between Texas and Alabama, where was eventually appointed with the “Aviator Wings”, thus **becoming a military helicopter pilot**.

Back to Italy, he was awarded the **Aviator Badge** at the Italian Army Aviation School in Viterbo, from where he was then assigned to the 4th RGT AVES “ALTAIR”, under which flag served as Squadron Commander and later as Executive Officer at the detached 34th Group “TORO” (Torino 1999-2005), in **Bosnia Herzegovina and in Kosovo** (1999-2003), supporting NATO maneuver from the air.

Col Del Gaudio, completed **his military education** attending respectively the 128th Staff Course, and the 7th Joint Staff College Course.

His academic education includes an MA in Political Sciences (International Relations and Strategic Sciences) and 2 Masters in international relations at the University of Turin, at LUISS G. Carli in Rome.

After a two year assignment at the School of Applied Military Studies in Turin as Section Leader, where he tutored Junior Captains in coordination with the University of Turin (2005-2007), in 2007, following an advanced training in the USA on the CH47D he was appointed Group Commander at 11th “ERCOLE”, under the 1st Army Aviation Regiment “ANTARES” in Viterbo (2007-2010). He led Task Group “Phoenix”, supporting both Land Operations and Special Operations in **Afghanistan** (2008-2009), gaining **combat** experience in harsh environment.

Assigned overseas (2010-2013) at Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation in Norfolk (USA), at the Strategic Plans and Policy Division, introduced with the team he led the “**Academic Conference**”, whose findings resulted in some of the documents discussed at the Chicago NATO Summit (2011), then becoming Alliance’s doctrine.

Once back to Italy (Rome) in 2013, joined COMFORDOT HQ (Education Training Specialization Command) where he managed the project for a thorough revitalization of the educational path of Italian Officers in coordination with the Universities of Rome, Viterbo, Modena and Turin.

Appointed Commanding Officer of the 1st Army Aviation Regiment “ANTARES”, in his two years mandate, **achieved** the Full Operational Capability for the **newly acquired** ICH47F (state of the art Chinook) and the Shadow 200 (Tactical Unmanned Aerial System). Both these systems proved **Mission Essential** either in Country and in Afghanistan.

After a brief period as chief of Logistic Office at the Army Aviation Headquarters, he took on a Support Regiment in 2017 and soon after also became the Coordinating Authority for logistic support within the premises of the Military Citadel of Cecchignola in Rome, where he supported 20 resident Commands as well as in-transit Units and Operation “Strade Sicure”. In September 2020, was appointed **Director and Commanding officer** of the Post Conflict Operations Study Centre.