

Paolo MAZZUFERI

COL. (OF-5) ITA Army



BIOGRAPHY

Col. Paolo MAZZUFERI was born on 24th August 1970 in Rome (Italy).

He joined the Italian Army in 1990. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry, upon graduation in the Italian Army Military Academy in 1992. Following the Army Officers Basic Course in Turin (1992-1994) he was promoted lieutenant and he was assigned as a platoon commander to the 1st *bersaglieri* (light infantry) regiment in Civitavecchia (Rome).

From 1996 to 1998 he has served as a platoon commander at the Military School “Nunziatella” in Naples.

In September 1998 he was re-assigned to the 1st “*bersaglieri*” regiment in Civitavecchia, where he held the following positions:

- Rifle Company Commander;
- Chief of the Operations, Training and Information Office.

After attending the ITA Army Staff College in 2003 in Turin, he was assigned to the Italian Defense General Staff in Rome, where he served for 4 years as Staff Officer in the Military Policy and Planning Division, both in the International Relations Office and then in the Alliances’ Policy Office.

In 2007 he was assigned to the *ITA Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre* (PCOSC), in Turin, where he has covered the assignments of Military Researcher and Head of Study and Doctrine Department.

Since September 2023 he’s the director of the Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC).

He provides many national and foreign military institutions with lectures and training modules pertaining to different relevant post-conflict issues such as Stabilization and Reconstruction (S&R), Security Sector Reform (SSR), Disarmament demobilization and reintegration (DDR), and others; he gives also lectures at the University of Turin and other academic institutes and study centres at national and international level.

Being a subject-matter expert (SME) for different topics related to post conflict settings, since 2015 he has been given a chair at the University of Turin for the “Stabilization and Reconstruction Orientation Course”.

With reference to his military experience abroad, he took part twice in the Operation “*Joint Guardian*” in Albania: in 2000 as company commander and in 2002 as COMMZ W MN HQ CJ3 Chief Training in Durazzo and Liaison Officer to the Albanian Army General Staff in Tirana.

In 2010-2011 he was deployed in Afghanistan as Chief of the Lessons Learned Department at ISAF HQ, Kabul. Recently, he has been deployed in Baghdad as chief of an Italian Mobile Training Team within the NATO Mission Iraq (NMI) to run a training module for Iraqi Government Representatives.

Col. Mazzuferi took a Master’s degree at the University of Turin in Political Sciences in 1995 and a post graduate diploma in Strategic Sciences in 2004.