



ALLIED AIR COMMAND



BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL CLAUDIO GABELLINI **Chief of Staff Allied Air Command**

Major General Claudio Gabellini, Italian Air Force, assumed his position as Chief of Staff at NATO's Headquarters Allied Air Command at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on October 1, 2016.

In his last national assignment, Major General Gabellini was the Commander, Italian Air Force's Combat Forces Command at Milano, Italy. In this capacity, he has been responsible for ensuring the operational readiness of assigned units, to include the update of plans and procedures, standardisation of the entire training activity, and efficiency of weapon systems, equipment and infrastructures.

Major General Gabellini attended the Air Force Academy from 1980 to 1984. After earning his wings on the G.91T jet, he served first as an instructor on the MB339 trainer aircraft. He then served as an operational pilot on F-104 Starfighter and, subsequently, on PA200 Tornado, completing his operational tour in Ghedi Air Base at Brescia, Italy.



During his career, Major General Gabellini served in various command assignments as squadron and wing commander before assuming senior staff positions at the Air Operations Command at Poggio Renatico near Ferrara, Italy, and, subsequently to the Headquarters Air Force Command in Rome.

His operational assignments include the Balkans (operations Joint Guard, Joint Forge, Decisive Endeavour, Allied Force) and Libya, where in 2011 he served aboard the USS Mount Whitney within the framework of the Coalition Operation Odyssey Dawn, and, subsequently, as Targeting Directorate Chief, Combined Joint Task Force Unified Protector Headquarters in Napoli, Italy, during NATO's Operation Unified Protector.

Major General Gabellini is a command pilot with more than 2,700 flying hours on SF-260, S208, MB339, G.91T, F-104S/ASA, PA200 Tornado IDS and ECR.

EDUCATION

- 1982 Graduate of Air Force Academy, Pozzuoli, Italy
- 1984 Master's degree of Aeronautical Science, University of Napoli, Italy
- 1991 Air War College 1, Firenze, Italy
- 1993 Instructor Pilots Course (Tornado), Cottesmore, United Kingdom
- 1996 Air War College 2, Firenze, Italy
- 2010 Master's degree in International Security Advanced Studies
- 2012 Q3 Course for Joint Force Air Component Command at the Centre for Analysis and Simulation for the Preparation of Air Operations, Taverny, France
- 2012 Combined Force Air Component Command Course, Maxwell, United States of America

ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1986, Instructor pilot, 61st Air Brigade, Galatina, Italy
2. 1989, Pilot, 102nd Group, 5th Wing, Rimini, Italy
3. 1993, Pilot, element leader and formation leader, 6th Wing, Ghedi, Italy
4. 1998, Officer Commanding Operations, 6th Wing, Ghedi, Italy
5. 1999, Squadron Commander, 102nd Fighter Group, Ghedi, Italy
6. 1999, Officer in charge of Operations, Fighter Bombers and Reconnaissance Division, Milano, Italy
7. 2003, Commander, 50th Wing, San Damiano, Italy
8. 2005, A3 Chief, Air Operations Command, Poggio Renatico, Italy
9. 2006-2009, Operations Director and Italian Air Force Air Operations Centre Chief, Poggio Renatico, Italy
10. 2010, Chief Resource Management Branch, Air Force Command, Roma, Italy
11. 2011, Chief Operational Planning and Generation Forces Branch, Air Force Command, Rome, Italy
12. 2013, Chief of Staff, Air Force Command, Rome, Italy
13. 2015, Commander, Italian Air Force's Combat Forces Command, Milano, Italy

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: 2,700+

Aircraft flown: SF-260, S208, MB339, G.91T, F104S/ASA, PA200 Tornado IDS, PA200 Tornado ECR

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic

Knight of the Military Order of Merit of the Italian Republic

Bronze Medal Aeronautical Merit

Mauritian Medal for 50 years of Military Career

Medal of Merit of Long Command

Aeronautics Long Air Navigation Medal (Gold)

Golden Cross for Military Service

Cross of Merit (Bosnia)

NATO Meritorious Service Medal

NATO Medal (former Yugoslavia, Kosovo and Libya)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

1 st Lieutenant	March 1984	Colonel	January 2000
Captain	March 1986	Brigadier General	January 2010
Major	January 1992	Major General	July 2016
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1995		

(Current as of October 2017)