



Biography



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Col Marco Maistrello
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Colonel Marco Maistrello joined the Air Force Academy in 1981 and graduated in 1986. After the Basic Air Defense Controller Course at the Brigata Tecnico Addestrativa (Technical Training Brigade), he was assigned to the 13° Radar Squadron, where he fulfilled all tasks related to the Air Defense category, and graduated as Surveillance Controller, Fighter Controller, Master Controller, and Instructor Air Defense Controller.

In 1996 he moved to the E-3A Component in Geilenkirchen (DEU) where, after the completion of TD Training, he was assigned to Squadron 3. In 1998 he assumed the position of Chief of Ops Wing Training Branch. In this period he flew missions related to the Former Yugoslavia and Kosovo crisis and he was involved in various test flights activity. He was appointed as TD Instructor and Squadron 3 TD Evaluator. Col Maistrello has more than 1.500 flying hours on the E3-A.

In 2000 he joined the Italian Air Force HQ Plans and Operation Division in Rome, as Chief of Air Defense Branch. He worked on the “Air Defense Procedure and Systems” and formulated proposal on issues related to military-technical implementation of new air defense tools, coordinating new system requirements, and developing new Air Defense Training plans.

In 2002 he was selected to attend the Italian Senior National Defense College in Rome.

In 2004 he was assigned to the Logistic Command HQ 2nd Office “Organization and Training” in Rome as responsible of issues concerning the Logistic Command organization, the employment policy and the training of military personnel.

In 2008 he moved to the 3rd Office—“Ops”, as Chief of Ops Branch and Chief of the Current Ops Center. He was responsible for the coordination of all the logistics processes necessary for the optimal operation of the Units of the Italian Air Force and for the planning and preparation of the NATO Response Forces of the Logistic Command, labelled for the logistic support of air assets.

In September 2010, he was appointed as Chief of the 2° Office 1° Department of 3rd Division of Logistics Command. He was in charge of technical-operational and logistical-operational support of air navigation services, radio telecommunication, meteorology, and safety and security systems.

In 2011 he was posted, as UN Staff Officer, to UNIFIL Military HQ in Naqoura, Southern Lebanon, as Chief Air Operations coordinating, as air operations main consultant of UNIFIL Force Commander, all Air Ops matters, especially related to Air Violation of Lebanese Air Space, flight safety and operational procedures.

From the 5th of September 2012 to 15 July 2014, he was appointed as Commander of the 3° Wing and Villafranca AFB.

He has attended, beside others, the following Courses: Maritime Staff Course. (Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare School Halifax), Legal Advisor Course (CASD Rome), ESDP Orientation Course (CASD Rome), Air logistic training Course (CC Air Ramstein) Logistic Expeditionary Course (Nato School Oberammergau), Senior Course on Crisis Management and Civil Emergency Plan (SNDC Stockholm).

Col. Maistrello has two Degrees, in Aeronautical Science (University of Naples Italy), and in International and Diplomatic Science (University of Trieste Italy) and a Master in International Strategic-Military Studies (CASD/Luiss University of Rome).

He has been awarded with the following decorations and awards: Air Force Illustrious Service Gold Cross Medal, NATO Medal for operations in Former Republic of Yugoslavia, Italian Cross for peace mission in Bosnia, UN Medal for UNIFIL mission in Lebanon, Medal for flight crew personnel who participated in war operations and 5th Class/Knight of the "Order of Merit of the Italian Republic".

Col Maistrello was born in Savona on the 22 January 1962, is married with Gemma Di Sessa and has a daughter Marina and a son Massimiliano.

Education:

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