



**Allied Command Transformation  
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Transformation**

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## General Aurelio Colagrande Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation



General Aurelio COLAGRANDE was born in L'Aquila, Italy on 8 October 1962. He attended the Air Force Academy from 1981 to 1985 and graduated as military pilot in 1986 at the European NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) in Sheppard AFB - TX, USA.

In 1987, General COLAGRANDE was assigned to the 2nd Wing in Treviso and in 1989 was moved to the 51st Wing in Istrana where he was appointed as OPS Chief and later served as the 103rd Squadron Commander.

Between 1995 and 1999 he flew several flying sorties over the Balkan Airspace collecting more than 70 combat flight hours.

In July 2000 he was appointed to the Logistic Department of the Italian Air Staff in Rome and later, in 2002, moved to the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office in Washington DC (USA), as Italian National Representative. From July 2006 until September 2007 he returned to the Logistic Department of the Italian Air Staff as Head of C4 ISTAR Branch and Chairman of the Italian JSF WG.

He was appointed as 6th Wing Commander in Ghedi, from 2007 to 2009, after this assignment he returned to Rome, at the Secretariat General of Defence and National Armaments Directorate as Chief of the Aeronautical Programs Office.

From 2011 to 2013 he was appointed as the 46th Air Brigade Commander in Pisa, with a follow-on assignment to the Air Operational Command in Rome as Deputy Chief of Staff, where he later assumed the position of Chief position until March 2019.

He served as Commander of the Air Education and Training Command from 20 March 2019 to 11 January 2022.

From 12 January 2022 to 2 June 2025, General COLAGRANDE served as the Italian Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff.

In June 2025 he was nominated as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. On the 11th of July 2025, General COLAGRANDE assumed the duties of Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.

General COLAGRANDE has a University Degree in Aeronautical Sciences and a Masters in International Studies.

He is married to Mrs Olimpia and they have two grownup children, Luca and Michela.



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## EDUCATION

- Italian Air War College basic and senior courses;
- NATO Forward Air Controller Course;
- Flight Safety Course;
- Tactical Leadership Programme Course;
- International Defence Management Course in Monterrey (USA);
- CFACC Course in Maxwell AFB (USA);

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Knight of the Italian Military Order
- Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic;
- Mauritian Medal for 50 years of Military Career;
- Golden Cross for Military Service;
- Golden Cross for Service Seniority;
- Legion of Merit;
- Silver Badge for Actions in War - Fighter;
- NATO Medal for Operations in Relation to Kosovo and to Former Yugoslavian Republic.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command Pilot;
- Flight Hours: more than 2700;
- Aircraft flown: SIAI SF 260 – T37 – T38 – FIAT G91 T/R – AMX/T – AMX/T - MB 339
- PANAIA TORNADO – C130J – C27J - T346.

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- 1983 - 2nd Lieutenant;
- 1985 - 1st Lieutenant;
- 1987 - Captain;
- 1993 - Major;
- 1996 - Lieutenant Colonel;
- 2000 - Colonel;
- 2011 - Brigadier General;
- 2016 - Major General;
- 2019 - Lieutenant General
- 2025 - General