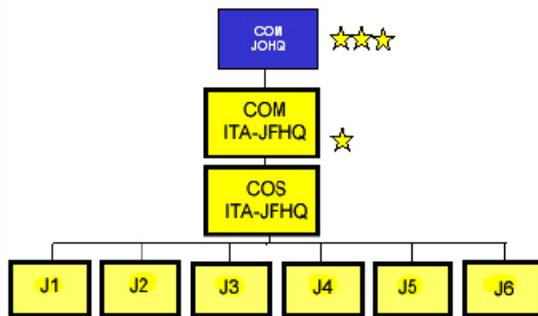


Structure.

The ITA-JFHQ is headed by a Brigadier General. The staff reports to a Colonel and is divided into six main branches. Dedicated units provide logistical support and protection when deployed. Land, maritime and air assets are task assigned.

Since its inception in 2007, the ITA-JFHQ has sent its staff to conduct training activities along with allies and partners in Europe, Africa, South Asia and the Pacific.



A Team of ITA-JFHQ in action



ITA-JFHQ COMMANDER
Rear Admiral (LH)
Gualtiero MATTESI

CHIEF OF STAFF
Col. Giovanni CAFFORIO

THE ITALIAN JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS



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Location.

The Italian Joint Headquarters (ITA-JFHQ) is situated in Rome, Centocelle district, inside the dismissed "Francesco Baracca" military airport. The site, which takes its name from the Latin "*Centum Cellae*", hosted the Imperial Guard during the Roman Empire. Ruins from this great historical period are still visible today, in the vicinity of the airport.



The COI (JOINT OPERATIONAL HQ)

Historical. The experience gained over the last decade (in operations such as "Stabilize" in East Timor in 2000 and "Nile" in Sudan in 2005), highlighted the need to set up joint units, rapidly deployable on the spot, within short notice even over long distances, immediately connectable to higher Command and Control contexts and multinational coalitions.



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The creation of a new operational tool.

By a decree of the Chief of the Defence, dated June 2006, an Initial Formation Group was set up to clear the ground for the creation of a new headquarters, the ITA-JFHQ, whose birth was formally announced the 23 February 2007. The HQ was put under the orders of the Commander of the Joint Operational Command, and it achieved the full operational capability, on June 2008. Noteworthy was the Defense General Staff's great effort to gear the ITA-JFHQ with the most sophisticated and technologically advanced items.



Check point

The mission.

As a rapidly deployable JFHQ, it maintains high readiness and develops contingency plans to be employed with short notice to crisis areas worldwide, accomplishing joint and combined tasks across the operational spectrum.

On order, it deploys to assigned area of operations OPCOM CHOD IT, OPCON appropriate national/other lead nation or multi-national authorities, taking over command and control over land, maritime and air assets, when allocated.



Fregate "GRECALE" shipping

Tasks.

The ITA-JFHQ has a permanent team ready to be sent worldwide for reconnaissance. Should the need to respond to a crisis arise, the ITA-JFHQ can express its full potential operating in a total logistical and operational autonomy, exercising its command and control capabilities onboard air/naval vectors, to conduct limited operations (small scale operations), integrated in multinational/coalition contexts when needed.



AMX Fighters during a close air support operation