

CURRICULUM VITAE

Major General Alessandro GRASSANO



Major General Alessandro GRASSANO was born in Alessandria on November 21st, 1970. In 1990 he attended the Army Military Academy in Modena. He continued his studies at the Junior Army Officer School in Turin, and was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in 1995 and assigned to the Artillery Corps (Airborne), joining the 185th “Folgore” Airborne Artillery Regiment in Livorno.

During his assignment within the Regiment, he was deployed on missions abroad (Bosnia, Kosovo), as Commanding officer and as Staff officer.

In 2002 he was appointed as Liaison officer to KFOR HQ in Pristina and in 2003 as Information officer to Operation “Enduring Freedom” in Afghanistan.

In 2004, while serving at the Initial Core Element of the Army Special Operations Forces Command in Florence, he was deployed to Iraq as HUMINT officer within Operation “Antica Babilonia”.

In 2006, after having attended the Army Staff Officer Course, he was assigned to the 185th “Folgore” Paratroopers Reconnaissance and Target Acquisition Regiment (SF) and was deployed to Afghanistan within the first Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team of ISAF Mission.

After three years in Lille (2007-2010) at the Rapid Reaction Corps - France, he attended the Joint Staff College in Rome. At the end of the course, he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and transferred back to the 185th “Folgore” Paratroopers Reconnaissance and Target Acquisition Regiment (SF) as Commander of the Target Acquisition Battalion.

In 2012, he was appointed for two years as Cadets Battalion Commander at the Army Military Academy in Modena.

On September 2014, he was assigned to the Joint Operational Headquarters (COVI) in Rome, as Land Operations Section Head.

On October 2016, as Colonel, he returned to the 185th “Folgore” Paratroopers Reconnaissance and Target Acquisition Regiment (SF) where he took command of the Unit.

Between September 2018 and February 2021, he was appointed as JOC Director of the Joint Operational Headquarters (COVI), where he also supervised the COVID-relief Joint Operations Centre.

After being promoted Brigadier General in January 2021, he was deployed abroad as Commander of the Italian Bilateral Mission in support of the Republic of Niger (April – December 2021).

At the end of his tour, he was appointed as Deputy Chief of the Strategic Direction and Military Cooperation Division of the Defence General Staff in Rome, in the International Cooperation and Arms Control Area.

In December 2024 he assumed the role of President of the Project Group for the Drafting of the National Military Strategy, his current position.

Effective August 1, 2025, he will take on the role of Head of the General Office for Military Strategy and Innovation, his current position.

He has been promoted Major General on January 1st, 2024.

He is married to Federica and they have two daughters.