



A Record Tricolor: Paolo Filippini Challenges the Sky of Ferrara

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Saturday, April 12 will be a date destined to enter the history of parachuting. At the Aeroclub of Ferrara, also home to the Scuola Paracadutismo Ferrara, a spectacular event will take place: the launch of the largest flag ever flown by a parachutist, a full **3300 square meters of Italian tricolor**.

Attempting the feat will be **Paolo Filippini, lieutenant colonel of the Italian Army retired**, formerly stationed at the [Centro Addestramento di Paracadutismo](#), multiple world champion in parachuting, who will be supported by the local parachuting school team for technical and logistical support. The main launch will be preceded by a symbolic descent with a 1600 sqm flag, previously used by Filippini, to test weather conditions and ideally pass the baton to the new, gigantic version.



The flag, made with an ultra-lightweight technical fabric, will be attached to a specially designed tandem parachute to support **about 130 kg of weight**, the tricolor alone. During the flight, two parachutists from the school will record video footage to document every phase of the event: from takeoff to deployment in the air, until landing on the ground.



Paolo Filippini, born in 1961, **originally from the province of Siena**, has lived for four years in **Catena di Quarrata**, in the province of Pistoia, thanks to the love that led him to move. He is a true legend of international parachuting. In his record:

- **11 times Italian Individual Champion**
- **7 World Team Champion titles**
- **2 World Individual Champion titles**
- **2 individual world records**
- **4 Gold Medals for athletic valor from CONI**

- **2 Gold Crosses for Army Merit**
- **1 Gold Star for sports merit from the International Military Sports Council**

An extraordinary career that has helped write indelible pages of military and national sports.

On April 12, in Ferrara, the whole of Italy will be able to admire his next feat: **an immense tricolor, suspended between sky and earth, which will become a symbol of courage, pride, and passion.**