

Allied Joint Force Command Naples Commander Meets Cadets at the Accademia Militare di Modena

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The **Accademia Militare di Modena** hosted Admiral **George M. Wikoff**, Commander of Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFC Naples), U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa.

Wikoff was accompanied by JFC Naples Chief of Staff Lieutenant General **Rodolfo Sganga**. During the visit, he met cadets enrolled in the **207° corso "Fermezza"** and the **208° corso "Fedeltà"**.

Touring the Academy facilities

The delegation toured the Academy's museum halls, which preserve historical memorabilia, uniforms and decorations spanning more than **two centuries** of Italian military history.

The program also included the facilities of the Modena institution: its sports facilities, the recently renovated physics classroom and cadet accommodations.

The Commander of **JFC Naples** expressed his appreciation for the education provided by the Academy. He also underscored the role of cooperation among military institutions in strengthening national and international defense and security.

Emphasis on military cooperation

The Academy Commander, Major General **Stefano Messina**, thanked Admiral Wikoff. According to Messina, the meeting confirms the shared understanding and strategic vision aimed at safeguarding international security and stability.

The Accademia Militare di Modena is the military higher education institution responsible for the initial training of future line and medical officers in the regular service of the **Esercito Italiano** and the **Arma dei Carabinieri**.

Its programs lead to degrees in Strategic Sciences, Engineering, Medicine and Surgery, Veterinary Medicine, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies, Law and Philosophy.

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