



ANPDI, Foiano della Chiana honors Lt. Paratrooper Mario Viti, fallen at El Alamein

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A significant ceremony was held at the monumental Cemetery of Foiano della Chiana (AR) in memory of the Bronze Medal for Military Valor (MBVM) Lieutenant **Mario Viti**, who fell at **El Alamein**. The initiative, promoted by the **ANPd'I Section of Arezzo** led by president **cc. par. Giuliano Caroti**, saw the enthusiastic participation of the **Mayor of Foiano della Chiana, Dr. Jacopo Franci**.

Tribute to memory and connection with El Alamein

The commemoration took place at the **Viti Family tomb**, where there is a **sarcophagus dedicated to the Fallen**: a sign of piety and memory that accompanies the official burial of Lieutenant Viti in the **El Alamein Memorial**. The Lieutenant's nephews, **Mr. Mario Cherri** and **Mr. Pietro Baini**, laid a **wreath of laurel** inside the crypt, later **blessed** by the Parish Priest of

Foiano.

Authorities, banners, and speeches

The ceremony was attended by the **Banner of the ANPd'I Section of Arezzo**, the local **ANC Section**, the **Parish Priest of Foiano della Chiana**, the **Secretary General of ANPd'I, Gen. B. (res.) Enrico Pollini**, and numerous citizens of Foiano.

Brief speeches were given by president **Giuliano Caroti**, **Gen. (res.) Enrico Pollini**, **Mayor Jacopo Franci**, and nephew **Mario Cherri**, who displayed the **original diploma** of the MBVM award. The ceremony concluded with the **recitation of the Paratrooper's Prayer**.

Foiano della Chiana, land of decorated Paratroopers

Foiano della Chiana not only gave birth to **MBVM Lt. Mario Viti**, but also to **MOVM Capt. Luigi Sartini**, commander of the **1st Company of the 1st Libyan Paratrooper Battalion**, who fell in combat in **1941**. A legacy of service and sacrifice that the community continues to cherish.

The motivation for the MBVM

"Platoon machine gun commander, already distinguished for courage, during a hard attack conducted for several days by the enemy with infantry and tanks, took the initiative to command a sector closely pressed and left without officers, reorganizing the survivors and re-establishing an effective defensive line. While fiercely opposing the advancing enemy, he fell, mortally wounded"

Deir El Munassib 2/11/1942

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