

Change of Command at the 9° Reggimento “Col Moschin”: Colonel Mattia Orlando Is the New Commander of the Incursori

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Change of command at the **9° Reggimento d'Assalto Paracadutisti “Col Moschin”**, the Incursori unit of the Italian Army Special Forces. **Colonel Mattia Orlando** is the Regiment's new Commander, succeeding fellow Colonel **Andrea Bandieri**.

The handover ceremony took place in Pisa, as reported in a post published by **MP Paola Chiesa, Fratelli d'Italia group leader on the Chamber of Deputies' IV Defense Committee**, who shared a message dedicated to the Army's Incursori and the values that distinguish the Unit.

«DELLA FOLGORE L'IMPETO!», wrote the parliamentarian, invoking the historic motto of the 9° Reggimento and accompanying her remarks with a meaningful passage from the Preghiera dell'Incursore:

> *«Grant us each day the strength to surpass ourselves with the boundless pride You have bestowed upon us. Make us resolute and guide our courage beyond every obstacle. When others stop, lead us INCURSORI onward without looking back».*

Just last month, on **October 7, 2026**, we had the privilege of hosting **Colonel Andrea Bandieri** in one of our livestreams, entitled **“Remembering General Monticone”**, which was also attended by Erika Monticone (General Monticone's daughter) and Generale Incursore Ferdinando Salvati.

A valuable opportunity to pay tribute to the figure and legacy of **General Franco Monticone**, retracing his personal and military history and recalling, through the guests' testimonies, the valor, traditions, and spirit of service that distinguish the **Incursori dell'Esercito Italiano**.

The 9° Reggimento “Col Moschin”, a Special Forces center of excellence

The **9° Reggimento d'Assalto Paracadutisti “Col Moschin”** is one of the Italian Army's elite units and one of the leading components of the nation's Special Forces.

Under the command of the **Comando delle Forze Speciali dell'Esercito (COMFOSE)**, the Regiment is made up of highly specialized personnel selected through a rigorous education and training process leading to the Incursore qualification.

Operators of the **“Nono”** are trained to conduct special operations in complex, high-risk environments, including missions of national and international strategic importance.

The Regiment's historical roots lie in the tradition of the **Arditi della Prima Guerra Mondiale** and, in particular, in the epic feat of **16 June 1918 on Col Moschin**, when the men of the IX Reparto d'Assalto, under the command of Major Giovanni Messe, recaptured a strategic position on the Monte Grappa massif in just ten minutes.

The Regiment also safeguards the **Bandiera di Guerra del IX Reparto d'Assalto**, from which it inherited its year of establishment, 1918, and the name **Col Moschin**, the site of the historic feat.

A bond with its origins also reflected in the **fiamme nere degli Arditi**, the traditional collar insignia readopted in 2006, symbols of identity, belonging, and continuity with the traditions of the Reparti d'Assalto.