



New Paratrooper Sappers for the 8th Engineer Sappers Regiment "Folgore"

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The ceremony of awarding the **specialty shoulder patch** to about **ninety young volunteers** newly assigned to the **8th Engineer Sappers Paratroopers Regiment "Folgore"** took place recently at the **Legnago** headquarters. A moment of **high symbolic value** that marks the official entry into the unit and represents the **synthesis of two elite specialties** of the **Italian Army**: that of the **sapper** and that of the **paratrooper**. The shoulder patch is not just a distinctive sign, but the recognition of a **selective and demanding path**, based on the **centrality of the individual**, on the **high level of training**, and on a continuous process of **innovation**.

The ceremony, held in the presence of the **War Flag**, represented a true **rite of passage**, through which the young soldiers became part of a **cohesive professional community**, where the **esprit de corps** is a fundamental multiplier of operational effectiveness. In his speech, **Colonel Daniele D'Ambrogio**, the regiment's Commander, highlighted how the achievements

are the result of **daily sacrifice, dedication, and professionalism**, urging the new paratrooper sappers to **preserve and honor the values** that distinguish the unit.

To testify to the ideal continuity between past and present, the banners of the **ANPDI** sections of Triveneto and Poggio Rusco (MN), of the **ANGET**, and of the National Sappers Group were present.

Tradition and continuity in an excellent unit

In front of the sappers and paratroopers of yesterday and today, the new assignees renewed their commitment, recognizing themselves in the **identity values** that constitute the true strength of the 8th regiment, especially in the **most complex moments** of operational activity. Tradition is not lived as mere historical memory, but as a **living heritage**, capable of guiding daily behavior and strengthening the **resilience of the unit**.

The 8th regiment represents a **unique entity on the national scene**, being the only unit of **paratrooper sappers** of the Italian Army. Specialized in supporting the airdrop maneuvers of the **Paratroopers Brigade “Folgore”**, the unit operates in contexts characterized by **high technical and environmental complexity**, maintaining consistently high standards of **readiness and reliability**.

The constant cycle of **national and multinational exercises** allows the regiment to consolidate **interoperability** with other units and allied assets, strengthening the link between **tradition and innovation** and ensuring full integration into the most advanced operational devices of the Armed Forces.



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Development of capabilities and operational prospects

The significance of the Legnago ceremony takes on further relevance in light of the central role that the 8th Engineer Paratrooper Sappers Regiment “Folgore” plays in the **transformation process of the Army**. For about a year, the unit has been at the forefront of a development phase related to **combat capability in underground environments**, now considered one of the **most complex operational challenges** of the modern battlefield.



A moment of the ceremony - Copyright Italian Army.

Tunnels, underground infrastructures, and stratified urban contexts require a highly specialized approach, which demands the integration of **engineering skills, close combat capabilities**, and solid **physical and mental preparation**. In this context, the Folgore

paratrooper sappers confirm themselves as an **essential tool**, thanks to the combination of **airborne mobility**, engineering specialization, and **operational adaptability**.

The **organic strengthening** of the regiment, through the entry of new specialists, directly contributes to increasing the **flexibility and operational readiness** of the unit. The awarding of the shoulder patch thus becomes not only a symbolic moment but a **concrete piece of a strategic vision oriented towards the future**, in which the 8th regiment continues to stand out as an **excellent unit at the service of the country**.

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