

“Paolo Caccia Dominioni” Trophy: Italian, French and U.S. engineers compete in the Alps

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More than **30 combat engineers** from the Italian Army took part in the second edition of the “Paolo Caccia Dominioni” Trophy, organized by the **32° Reggimento Genio Guastatori**, a specialized unit of the Brigata Alpina “Taurinense”.

Two foreign contingents also took part in the competition. The first came from the **2e Régiment Étranger de Génie**, the French Foreign Legion’s engineer regiment.

The second belonged to the **173^ Mobile Brigade Combat Team (Airborne)**, a U.S. Army airborne unit.

Nine patrols at altitude

The **nine patrols** competed in a continuous activity lasting more than **48 hours**. The tests were held in a mountain environment, in the Artesina and Prato Nevoso area (CN).

The competition was conducted at an altitude of around **2,000 meters**. The activity assessed participants' technical and tactical capabilities through a range of exercises.

The patrols carried out live-fire drills using their assigned weapons and casualty evacuation exercises. They also calculated the amount of explosive material required to demolish a structure.

The program also included exercises focused on the **identification and categorization** of explosive devices.

The name commemorates Paolo Caccia Dominioni

The trophy is named after **Paolo Caccia Dominioni**, an engineer officer awarded multiple decorations for Valor Militare. During the battle of El Alamein, he commanded the 31° Battaglione Guastatori del Genio.

A commander, engineer, architect, writer and artist, after the Second World War he voluntarily devoted more than **12 years** to searching for the remains of fallen servicemen of every nationality in the Egyptian desert.

The activity enabled combat engineers from the three armies to compete in a demanding mountain environment. The competition also aimed to strengthen esprit de corps and foster the exchange of techniques, tactics and procedures specific to the Arma del Genio.

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