Paratrooper General D'Addario - Commander of the ARF with NRDC-IT, Vittorio Veneto Division, and the Alpine Brigade Julia

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General Lorenzo D'Addario, formerly Aquila 1 - Commander of the Paratroopers Brigade Folgore, is a prominent figure in the Italian and International Armed Forces. Currently **Commander of the NATO Allied Reaction Force (ARF)**, D'Addario leads a multinational contingent comprising troops from 19 countries, with the mission to intervene in global crisis scenarios swiftly. His command relies on a complex strategic operation involving various units, including the **NRDC-IT** (NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Italy), the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, and the **Alpine Brigade Julia**.

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Simultaneous Deployment in the ARF: A Multinational and Multidimensional Contingent

The **NRDC-IT**, the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, and the **Alpine Brigade Julia** are the main forces currently forming the backbone of the **Allied Reaction Force (ARF)** of NATO. This super unit of the Atlantic Alliance was created following the 2023 Vilnius summit, in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The operational force, under the direct command of General D'Addario, is capable of mobilizing at any time to tackle complex scenarios, thanks to the combination of experiences from various elite units.

The **Vittorio Veneto Division**, recently transformed into the **Multinational Division South** in Florence, and the **Alpine Brigade Julia**, are the two main Italian units at the forefront of the ARF. In this context, the ARF presents itself as a force ready to intervene with land, air, maritime components, and even with space and cyber operations. The **NRDC-IT**, with its headquarters in Solbiate Olona (Varese), plays a fundamental role in the organization and command of these forces.

Florence, the Vittorio Veneto becomes NATO Multinational Division South - brigatafolgore.net

The Strategic Role and Interforce Collaboration

The simultaneous involvement of **three key units** of the Italian armed force within the ARF highlights Italy's ability to contribute decisively to NATO operations. Each unit, while having its own specialization, works in close coordination with the others to ensure a rapid and articulated response. This model of interforce cooperation allows the ARF to effectively respond to any type of threat, from conventional defense to hybrid and cyber warfare.

The **Alpine Brigade Julia**, with its experience in mountain operations and defense in challenging environments, brings added value to high-profile missions, while the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, transformed into a multinational division, demonstrates the importance of an operation that sees synergy between different nations. The **NRDC-IT**, in command of management and logistics, is the structure that ensures operational readiness and the efficiency of the command chain.

Training and Preparation: An Integrated Exercise System

General D’Addario emphasized how training is the crucial moment to test the operational capability of each individual component of the ARF. The exercises, such as the one recently completed in Eastern countries, are designed to simulate complex scenarios, in which the different forces operate simultaneously. The exercise, in fact, not only tests operational readiness but also the ability to **integrate resources** from various units, including the **ARF**, the **NRDC-IT**, the **Alpine Brigade Julia**, and the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, in a multinational

operation.

Moreover, the exercises aim to improve the **deterrence capability** and **response speed**, with the goal of ensuring that all units are ready to face any emergencies, even in non-European environments.

Gen. Masiello - Chief of Staff of the Italian Army

The Impact of the War in Ukraine on NATO Training and Operations

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has had a significant impact on NATO forces, prompting the ARF to constantly review and update its capabilities. The **Alpine Brigade Julia**, the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, and the **NRDC-IT** have intensified their exercises, focusing on **emerging technologies**, such as drones and cyber operations, which are playing an increasing role in modern conflicts. General D’Addario stated that every military action and technological innovation resulting from the Ukrainian conflict is analyzed to identify strategic changes, with the aim of refining the capabilities of Italian and allied forces.

Conclusions

The simultaneous commitment of the **Alpine Brigade Julia**, the **Vittorio Veneto Division**, and the **NRDC-IT** within the **NATO Allied Reaction Force** demonstrates how Italy continues to play a fundamental role in NATO's international operations. General Lorenzo D’Addario, through his leadership, has effectively integrated these elite forces into a multinational context, ensuring that the ARF is always ready to respond to global challenges swiftly and effectively. The

combined strength of Italian and allied operational capabilities represents a crucial component for maintaining international security and collective defense.

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