



Paratrooper General Lorenzo D'Addario, a career marked by excellence. After NRDC?

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With the conclusion of his mandate at the **NATO Rapid Deployable Corps - Italy (NRDC-ITA)**, **Paratrooper General Lorenzo D'Addario** finds himself at a crucial moment in his career. A prominent figure in the Italian Army, esteemed in NATO circles and known for leadership that combines rigor and humanity, his future is the focus of great attention. To understand what his next assignments might be, one must retrace a military path that, from the years at the **Nunziatella** to operational commands in Afghanistan, has marked a trajectory of excellence.

From origins to Folgore

Born in Florence in 1964, D'Addario entered the **Scuola Militare Nunziatella** in 1980 and subsequently the **Accademia Militare di Modena** in 1983. The choice to belong to the **Brigata Paracadutisti "Folgore"** indelibly marks his career.

The first assignments at the **186° Reggimento Paracadutisti di Siena** lead him to command platoons and companies, participating in delicate operations such as **Provide Comfort in Iraq**, **Vespri Siciliani in Palermo** and **UNOSOM II in Somalia**. These are experiences that early on confront him with complex scenarios, between operational risk and responsibility towards the men.

Parallel to his field experience, he attends numerous courses in Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This advanced training strengthens his ability to read geopolitical contexts and interface with NATO allies and partners, a trait that will become distinctive of his career.

In 2010 he assumes command of the **186° Reggimento Paracadutisti “Folgore”**. Under his leadership, between February and September 2011, the unit is deployed in **Afghanistan**, in the province of Farah, in the districts of Bakwa and Gulistan. Here the paratroopers face widespread insurgencies and a constant hostile threat. In these conditions, D’Addario shows decisive firmness and the ability to maintain internal cohesion, confirming his reputation as a respected commander close to his men.

From **2013 to 2015** he leads the entire **Brigata Paracadutisti “Folgore”**, further strengthening his profile as a reference commander on the national and international scene.

Leadership and empathy

If technical preparation and operational competence have traced his career, what makes General D’Addario unique is his command style. He is described by the paratroopers as an **empathetic** leader, capable of listening, understanding, and motivating.

Alongside this human quality, his mastery of foreign languages has allowed him to build solid relationships and represent Italy authoritatively in multinational contexts.

Possible future assignments

With the conclusion of his command at **NRDC-ITA**, **Paratrooper General Lorenzo D’Addario** represents a figure of **high profile** on the national and international scene.

Among the most accredited hypotheses is a top role within the Army, such as **Commander of the Land Operational Forces (COMFOTER) in Verona**, a position that would enhance his long paratrooper experience and operational knowledge gained over decades of missions.

However, a destination in **Rome**, within the **Ministry of Defense** dedicated to the transformation of the military instrument, cannot be excluded, where his wealth of multinational experiences and strategic vision would make him an ideal interlocutor for military innovation policy.

Similarly, the possibility of an **international assignment** remains open: D'Addario is highly esteemed by the **NATO** military leadership and allied partners, who see in him a modern commander, respected and capable of combining **professional competence** and **human sensitivity**.

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