Paratrooper Major General Giuseppe Scuderi assumes command of the Multinational Division South (MND-S) NATO in Florence

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Today, **August 21, 2025**, at the "Predieri" barracks in Florence, **Paratrooper Major General Giuseppe Scuderi** assumed command of the **Multinational Division South (MND-S) NATO**, succeeding his peer **Massimiliano Quarto**.

The ceremony today follows the one on **July 10, 2025**, when with the flag-raising of the NATO standard, the **MND-S** was officially established, an evolution of the "Vittorio Veneto" Division, which since 2019 has embarked on a transformation path culminating with the exercise **Steadfast Dagger 2024 (STDA24)**. Since **June 15, 2025**, the division has been formally reconfigured into a multinational command, with the role of **Land Component Command of the Allied Reaction Force (ARF LCC)**.

The MND-S today represents a strategic node of the **NATO Force Structure**, capable of planning and conducting multinational and joint operations, ensuring interoperability and contributing to the Alliance's missions in terms of **deterrence, defense, crisis management, and cooperative security**.

The career of General Scuderi

Born in Ischia in 1971, General Scuderi attended the **“Nunziatella” Military School in Naples** and subsequently the **Military Academy of Modena** (1990). Assigned to the Infantry Corps in 1992, he completed his studies at the School of Application in Turin, graduating in Political Science, before being assigned to the **“Folgore” Paratrooper Brigade** in 1995.

Throughout his career, he commanded the **5th Paratrooper Battalion (2012-2013)** and the **187th Paratrooper Regiment (2017-2018)**, participating in numerous international operations. He also held significant positions at the Defense General Staff, the Chief of Staff Office, and the **NATO Rapid Deployable Corps – Italy (NRDC-ITA)**, where he served as **ACOS J3 (2020-2021)** and **DCOS Support (2021-2022)**.

In 2019, he was Chief of Staff of COMKFOR in Kosovo, and in 2022 he assumed command of the **NRDC-ITA Support Brigade**.

With a high-profile education, including the **Staff College Course**, the **Hungarian Staff College**, the **Advanced Command and Staff Course** in the United Kingdom, and master's degrees in **Strategic Sciences** and **Defence Studies**, General Scuderi brings to his new role solid operational and command experience, confirming himself as a reference figure in the Italian Armed Forces and within NATO.

We extend our best wishes to General Scuderi for this latest and extraordinary achievement.

Folgore Commander Scuderi!