



Paratrooper Officer Rodolfo Sganga Appointed Army Corps General

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As expected, due to an exceptional career in the service of the Nation and the international community, the former Commander of the Paratroopers Brigade Folgore (2017-2019), **Rodolfo Sganga**, has been appointed **Army Corps General**.

Who is Rodolfo Sganga, the "total" Commander

Conscription soldier in 1987, he later attended the **169th Course of the Military Academy of Modena**. Promoted to Second Lieutenant in 1989, he was initially assigned to the Regiment Lagunari "Serenissima" where he served as **Platoon Leader of Scouts**.

As a Captain, he was **Company Commander at the Military Academy** and **Rifle Company Commander** at the 183rd Paratroopers Regiment "Nembo". As a Lieutenant Colonel, **he took command of the 2nd Paratroopers Battalion "Tarquinia"**, for which he was awarded the **Silver Medal for Military Valor** in Afghanistan, for the events of July 25, 2009, in Bala Baluk with the following motivation:

Paratroopers battalion commander, during an operation aimed at verifying the presence of an explosives depot, was engaged by hostile forces for over five hours with small arms, mortars, and rockets fire. Demonstrating exceptional readiness and courage, exposing himself to personal risk, he organized and personally led the successful reaction, managing, in that circumstance, to have a wounded soldier rescued and evacuated. An exemplary figure of a commander who contributed to bringing prestige to the Italian Army in an international context.

Bala Baluk (Afghanistan), July 25, 2009

Between 2012 and 2014, he took command of the [187th Paratroopers Regiment "Folgore"](#), bringing his experience and strategic vision to one of the most prestigious regiments of the Italian Army.

In addition to the Silver Medal for Military Valor, among numerous honors, General Sganga holds the **Silver Cross of Military Merit**, a **Bronze Cross of Military Merit**, the title of **Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic**, and that of **Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic**.

His expertise was not limited to operational roles: as a staff officer, he held the position of **head of the operations room of the Command of Land Operational Forces (Comfoter)** and of the **Army General Staff (SME)**.

His international commitment is evidenced by his participation in five tours of duty in Afghanistan, which further strengthened his experience in complex operational contexts. His academic training includes degrees in Strategic Sciences and Political Sciences, accompanied by the achievement of four master's degrees, testifying to a focused and in-depth study path in strategic sectors.

From **2014 to 2017**, General Sganga represented Italy as **military attaché at the embassy in Washington D.C.**, strengthening bilateral relations in a fundamentally important international context. From **2017 to 2019**, he commanded the [Paratroopers Brigade "Folgore"](#), confirming his leadership ability in one of the most significant and challenging roles, that of [Aquila 1](#).

In his latest role as [Director of the III Department of the General Secretariat of Defense / D.N.A.](#), dedicated to Industrial Policy and International Relations, General Sganga applied his vast

experience and strategic vision for development and cooperation in the defense sector, confirming his commitment to serving the country.

The recent appointment as Army Corps General is a testament to his exceptional command ability and the esteem he has earned nationally and internationally.

We extend our best wishes to General Rodolfo Sganga for this prestigious achievement.

Folgore Commander!