

Lieutenant General Alberto ROSSO

Lt.Gen. Alberto Rosso is the Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force.

Born in Genoa on Sep 29, 1959, he joined the Air Force Academy in 1978 and graduated as 2nd Lt in 1982. Upon completion of the Academy, he attended and graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, OK, in 1983.

L.G. Rosso spent the majority of his operational career as an Air Defense fighter pilot. He commanded the 9th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Fighter Wing. He was responsible for the transition of the first Italian Air Force Fighter Wing from the legacy F104 aircraft to the Eurofighter Aircraft (EF2000).

He spent six years in the Air Staff dealing with policy, operations, planning and financial plans with a follow-on assignment to the Italian Defense General Staff (J-3) where he served for three years as Chief of NATO, EU and UN Policy Office. Promoted to BG on 01 Jul 2007, he spent the next three years as the Deputy J-3 and deputy Defense Policy Director. As Deputy J-3 he was responsible for coordinating the policy of Italian military operations within NATO, EU, UN and Multinational coalitions and for developing Italian Military Strategy for out of area operations.

He was also the Defense General Staff lead for arms control and counter-proliferation. He then served as Chief of Staff of the Air Force Logistic Command and subsequently as Chief of the 4th Department of the Air Staff, responsible for coordinating all major Air Force acquisition programs. After being promoted to Major General on April 2013, he served from 2013 to 2015 as Chief of the Logistic and Infrastructure Department of the Defense General Staff and lead for the Defense Space policy. In 2014 he was also nominated as member of the Board of Directors of the Italian Space Agency. In July 2015 he became Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Italian Defence Minister. He was promoted to Lieutenant General on February 2016. In July 2016 he was nominated Chief of Cabinet of the Italian Defence Minister. He was confirmed in June 2018 with the new government and the new Defence Ministry. On 31st October 2018, he has been nominated Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force.

Lt.Gen. Rosso holds a master degree in Military Aeronautical Sciences from the University of Naples.

Gen. Rosso is married to Flavia. They have a daughter and a son, Federica and Enrico.

Military Education:

1978 – 1982, Air Force Academy;

1982 – 1983, Undergraduate Pilot Training - Vance AFB (USA);

1988 – Air Command and Staff College - Firenze;

1989 – Air Tactics and Weapons Instructor course – Decimomannu (Sardegna)

1993 – Air War College – Firenze.

Assignments:

1994 -1995: Squadron Commander, 9th All Weather Fighter Squadron of the 4th Fighter Wing, Grosseto;

2000 – 2002: *Chief, 1st Office, General Planning Division, Italian Air Force General Staff;*
2002 – 2004: *Wing Commander, 4th Fighter Wing and Director of 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Grosseto;*
2004 – 2007: *Chief, Alliances Policy Office, Policy and Planning Division Defense General Staff.*
2008 – 2010: *Deputy Chief, Policy and Planning Division, Defense General Staff and Deputy Defense Policy Director*
2010 –2011: *Chief of Staff, AF Logistic Command*
2011 – 2013: *Chief, 4th Department, Italian Air Force General Staff*
2013 – July 2015: *Chief, Logistic and Infrastructure Department, Defense General Staff.*
July 2015 – June 2016: *Deputy Head of Cabinet, Italian Ministry of Defense.*
June 2016 - October 2018: *Head of Cabinet, Italian Ministry of Defense.*
31 October 2018 - actual: *Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force*

Flight Information

Rating: Command pilot;

Flight hours: 3000 hours;

Aircraft flown: EF 2000, F104, SIAI 260, SIAI 208, T 37, T 38, MB 326, MB 339, Fiat G 91,

AB 212 (helo), Twin Astir (glider);

Major Awards and Decorations

Grand Cross Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy

Mauriziana medal of merit;

National Gold Cross for military service;

Gold Medal for extended flying duty;

NATO Medal for operations in former Yugoslavia;

NATO Medal for operations in Kosovo;

Commander Cross with Swords pro Merito Melitensi;

Knight to the Order of Merit of St. Gregorio Magno, Vatican

Officer to the National Order of Merit of the French Republic;

Medal of Distinguished Service, of Albania;

Effective Dates of Promotions:

2nd Lt: 15 Sep 80

1st Lt: 15 Mar 82

Capt: 15 Mar 84

Maj: 01 Jan 90

Lt Col:01 Jan 92

Col:01 Jul 98

BG: 01 Jul 07

MG: 30 April 2013

LG: 04 Feb 2016