



## BIOGRAPHY

### ITALIAN AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

#### LIEUTENANT GENERAL LUCA GORETTI

Since 31st of October 2021 Lt. Gen. Luca GORETTI is the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff. He serves as the senior uniformed Air Force Officer responsible for the organisation, training and equipment of 44000 active-duty men and women serving in Italy and overseas. In accordance with the directives of the Chief of Defense Staff, he is responsible for the preparation and deployment of the national airspace defense system and, for this purpose; he coordinates the deployment of all the means involved in the defense of national airspace.



Lt. Gen. Luca GORETTI was commissioned in 1980 and attended the Italian Air Force Academy, and in 1985 he graduated as a Military Pilot at the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT) at Sheppard AFB (Texas - USA), flying the T-38 jet trainer. Following his assignment on the Tornado at Cottesmore AFB (UK), he has served in a variety of position at the squadron and wing levels, taking part to the initial phase of Persian Gulf operations and within the framework of NATO air campaign in the former Yugoslavia. Tornado Flight Instructor, he took in major national and international exercises such as Red Flag, Maple Flag Goose Bay and TLP. Lt. Gen. GORETTI has commanded 156<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and 32<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing.

His notable staff tours include Head of the Prevention Office of the Flight Safety Inspectorate and Director of Flight Safety magazine; Chief of Planning & Transformation Office within ItAF Staff, Deputy Chief of the Defense Planning, Programming and Budget General Office and Deputy Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Defense. He also served as Defense and Defense Cooperation Attaché accredited to the USA, Canada and Mexico at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC and as Italian Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff.

#### EDUCATION

- 1980 Joined the Italian Air Force Academy
- 1984 Bachelor' degree in "Aeronautical Science" at the University of Studies "Federico II" in Naples.
- 1985 Graduated as a Military Pilot ENJJPT at Sheppard AFB (Texas - USA)
- 1986 Tornado Flying Training School – TTTE Cottesmore (RAF)
- 1991 Air War College Basic Course at Italian Warfare College in Firenze
- 1992 Flight Safety Officer Course - USA
- 1993 Tactical Leadership Programme – Florennes AB
- 1993 Tornado Flight Instructor Course – Cottesmore (RAF)
- 1997 Air War College Advanced Course at Italian Warfare College in Firenze.
- 1998 Joint War College at the Higher Defense Studies Center in Rome
- 2002 Human Factors Aviation Safety Course – University of Southern California
- 2005 PHD in "Political Sciences" at the University of Trieste's Studies in Trieste

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight Hours: more than 3000 flying hours, including over 2000 on the Tornado and more than 100 combat hours.

Aircraft flown: SF-260, T37, T38, G91T, PA200, AMX-T, AMX, NH500, HH139.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1988 Commander of 383<sup>rd</sup> Unit – Gioia del Colle AFB  
1995 Commander 156<sup>th</sup> Squadron Detachment – RAMI Goose Bay Cold Lake  
1997 Commander 156<sup>th</sup> Squadron – 36<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing – Gioia del Colle AFB  
2000 Commander the 2<sup>nd</sup> Autonomous Operational Wing at Pristina Slatina Airport (Kosovo) and Chief of Air Movement within NATO/KFOR in accordance with the 1999 Helsinki agreements between NATO and Russia  
2003 Head of the Prevention Office of the Flight Safety Inspectorate, as well as Director of the Flight Safety magazine  
2003 Commander of 32<sup>nd</sup> Wing - Amendola Air Force Base  
2005 Chief of the Planning & Transformation Office of Aerospace Policy and Planning Division at Italian Air Force Staff  
2008 Deputy Chief of the Defense, Planning, Programming and Budget General Office of the Italian Defense General Staff.  
2010 Deputy Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Defense  
2015 Italian Defense and Defense Cooperation Attaché, accredited to the USA, Canada and Mexico at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC  
2015 Italian Military Permanent observer at the Interamerican Board (IAB) in Washington DC  
2019 Italian Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS**

2008 Deputy Chief of the Planning, Programming and Defense Balance General Office - Italian Defense General Staff.  
2010 Deputy Chief of the Cabinet of the Minister of Defense.  
2015 Italian Defense and Defense Cooperation Attaché, accredited to the USA, Canada and Mexico at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class / Knight Grand Cross of the Italian Republic
- Medal "Mauriziana" for 50 years military service
- Gold Medal for Long Air Navigation
- Gold Service Cross
- Silver Long Command Service Medal
- Commemorative Medal for Italian Operations in the Persian Gulf
- Commemorative Cross for Italian operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Commemorative Medal for Italian operations in Kosovo
- NATO Medal for Peacekeeping Mission/Operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- NATO Medal for Peacekeeping Mission/Operations in Kosovo
- Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem
- Knight of St. Sylvester Pope
- IAB Medal of Service
- UAF Flight Safety Awards
- Legion of Merit (degree of Officer)
- Medal with gold star of the Inter-American Defense Board (Permanent Observer).