



NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE

REAR ADMIRAL (LH) GIORGIO LAZIO

Senior Military Assistant to Chairman of NATO M.C.



RDML Giorgio LAZIO is a native of Treviso, Italy.

He attended the Naval College “F. Morosini” in Venice and the Naval Academy in Livorno, where he was commissioned and graduated top of his class with the rank of Ensign in 1983. After being embarked on board several Italian Navy Ships as Navigator and Communications Officer, in 1990 he assumed Command of the Offshore Patrol Vessel “SPICA”, also provided with specific antipollution devices, operating inter alia in the containment of the environmental emergency caused by the sinking of the oiler Haven in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

In 1991 he was assigned his first ashore tour, initially at the Italian Naval Staff 2nd Department (Intelligence), then from 1994 to 1996 he was Commanding Officer of the “1994-1998” Cadets promotion in the Italian Naval Academy and, finally, he attended the 25th Higher Course at the Naval War College in Livorno.

From April 1997 to April 1998 he served in NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic HQ (COMSTRIKFLTLANT) - Norfolk (VA) – U.S.A., where he contributed to the stand-up of the NATO sea-based CJTF HQ and successfully completed a non-resident course in “National Security Decision Making” at the Naval War College in Newport (RI). Back in Italy, he qualified in the 1998-1999 1st Joint Staff Higher Course (I.S.S.M.I.) at the Defence High Studies Centre in Rome. In 1999-2001 he assumed Command first of the ASW Frigate “SCIROCCO”, operating in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, then of the 1st Corvettes Division, also performing duties as Evaluation Officer of the Naval Command School .

In November 2001 he started his second ashore tour in the Italian Naval Staff 3rd Department (General Planning), boosting inter alia the stand-up of the Italian-sponsored High Readiness Forces (Maritime) Headquarters. In October 2002 he successfully completed the “NATO Senior Officers’ Policy Course” at the NATO School (SHAPE). As Director of the Naval Policy Office, he promoted the Adriatic Ionian Initiative (ADRION), the maritime dimension of the 5+5 Initiative in Western Mediterranean and played a leading role in the development of the Virtual Regional Maritime Traffic Centre (V-RMTC) in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

In 2006-2007 he assumed Command of the A/C "GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI", operating in the beginning of his mandate in vicinity of the Lebanese coastline in support of UNSCR 1701 . He had just joined the Italian Defence General Staff 3rd Department (Plans & Policy) when he was selected as Senior Military Assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, where he serves since 27 June 2008.

RDML LAZIO has earned, with honours, a BS in Maritime & Naval Sciences and a Master in International Strategic-Military Studies. Besides his native Italian, he is fluent in the English and French languages. He enjoys reading, jogging and outdoor long walks on the seashore of Tuscany, where he lives with his wife Luana and their two sons, Leonardo and Lorenzo.