



Vice Admiral Rinaldo VERI
Commander Allied Maritime Command Naples



Vice Admiral Rinaldo Veri was born in Bombay (India). He is a 1975 graduate of the Italian Navy Academy. Following graduation he spent almost two years in the USA attending Pilot Training.

In December 1977 he was pinned with wings both for turbo prop aircraft and helicopters. From 1978 till 1982 he served as a pilot both in land-based squadrons and on board ship, flying mainly ASW and ASUW missions.

In his carrier he has commanded the following ships: the FPB LAMPO(1982-83), the corvettes AQUILA (1983-84), DE CRISTOFARO and TODARO(1990-91), the frigate ESPERO(1991-92) and the destroyer DURAND DE LA PENNE(1997-99).

His main staff positions on shore have been: Commandant of a Cadet Course at the Naval Academy (1984-86); Office of the National Armaments Director (1986-88); MA to the Chief of Defense (1988-90); Deputy Head of the PI Department and EA to the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Navy (1993-94); MA to the Chief of Defense (1994-97).

From June 2000 to August 2002 he was the Head of the Maritime Policy Division in the General Plans Department (N3/5/6), during which from February to April 2002, he held the position of Italian Senior National Representative in USCENTCOM (Florida) for Operation Enduring Freedom.

On 1 July 2001 he was promoted to Rear Admiral (Lower Half). In September 2002 he was appointed Commander Italian Naval Task Group/Deputy COMITMARFOR and Commander Italian/Spanish Amphibious Force. From January to June 2003, he deployed to the Indian Ocean as Commander European Maritime Group and CTF 150 participating in Operations Resolute Behaviour/Enduring Freedom.

From March 2004 to July 2007 Adm. Veri was appointed Head of the General Plans Department (N3/5/6) at the Navy General Staff.

On 1 July 2005, he was promoted to Rear Admiral (Upper Half). From July 2007 to February 2009 he was appointed Commander Italian Front Line Naval Forces and Commander Italian Maritime Forces (COMITMARFOR).

From February 2009 to June 2010 Adm. Veri served as Chief of Staff of the Italian Joint Operations Headquarters (COI Difesa) and immediately after as Deputy Commander of the same Command until March 2011.

On 1st July 2010 he was promoted to Vice Admiral.

Adm. Veri assumed Command of Allied Maritime Command Naples on 10 March 2011.

From 23 March 2011 to 31 October 2011 he was Commander of the Maritime Forces committed to Operation "Unified Protector" (Libyan Crisis).

The principal Courses he has attended are: ITN Advanced Officers' Course (1979); ACE Senior Officers' Orientation Course, NATO School Oberammergau (1987); 51st Session of the National Defense University (Rome, 1999-2000); General & Flag Officers' Course, NATO Defense College (Rome, 2005/1).

Admiral Veri has earned, with honors, an MA in Maritime & Naval Sciences and a Masters in International & Diplomatic Sciences.

He is married to Rita and has three children. His family lives in Rome. He enjoys reading, fresh air walks and jogging. His preferred participant sports are tennis, swimming and horseback riding.