



Italian Navy

Rear Admiral

Giacinto OTTAVIANI

Biographical Notes

Born in San Benedetto del Tronto on July, the 19th, 1964
Joined Italian Naval Academy (1983-1987)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (ON BOARD)

- From 1987 to 1994 he was posted aboard surface Units with assignments related to communications and surface warfare;
- As Navigator and Communications Officer aboard Frigate EURO, he took part in the Operation “Persian Gulf” (protecting Italian vessels during Iran-Iraq war) from July to December 1988;
- As Commanding Officer of Patrol Vessel CASSIOPEA (1994-1995), he conducted several fishing surveillance operations in the Sicilian Channel;
- As Executive Officer aboard Frigate AVIERE (2003-2004), he took part in two Operations “Active Endeavour” (thwarting illicit trafficking and international terrorism) within Standing NATO Maritime Group in the Mediterranean Sea;
- As Commanding Officer of Frigate ESPERO (2004-2005), he took part two additional Operations “Active Endeavor”;
- As Commanding Officer of Destroyer ANDREA DORIA (2009-2010), he led Operation “Tucano” (promotion of the national naval industry and counter piracy) from January to April 2010 in South America and the Gulf of Guinea.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (HQs/GENERAL STAFF)

He has been posted to Italian Defence and Italian Navy HQs several times, mostly in the Human Resources Divisions:

- Head of the Regulations Office within the Italian Defence General Staff (2010-2013);
- Head of Officers Employment Department within the Italian Navy Personnel Directorate (2014-2016);
- Head of the Personnel Department within the Italian Navy General Staff (2016-2018);
- Head of the Personnel Department within the Italian Defence General Staff (2018-2021);

He has been appointed as the President of the Italian Center for Higher Defense Studies (CASD) - Italian Defence University (SSOSD) since July 2021.

EDUCATION

- He has attended both Joint Command and Staff Course (2002) and Institute for Higher Defence Study Course (2014);
- Degree in Physics earned at University of Parma (1994);
- Master in Business Administration earned at Boston University (2000-2002).