

**COLONEL Gualtiero IACONO**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
**AND CHIEF OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AND RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFICE**



Colonel Gualtiero IACONO was appointed acting Director of the Institute as well as Chief of the Doctoral School and Research Support Office, on June 18th 2021.

He joined the Military Academy with the 166th Course in 1984. First Lieutenant, in 1989 he served in the 28th Cavalry Bn. as a Platoon Leader and then as a Tank Coy Commander.

In 1992, he was moved to the 4th Cavalry Bn. as an Armoured Wheeled Recce Platoon Leader and Recce Coy Commander.

In 1996-1997, he attended the 123rd Staff College Course; upon Course completion, he joined the 4th Cavalry Recce Regiment to become Operations Staff Officer and then Operations/Training/Intelligence branch Chief also during the NATO operation in Bosnia – Herzegovina (SFOR).

In 2000, he served as a Staff Officer within the Public Relations Office, General Affairs Department, Defence General Staff.

In 2002-2003, he attended the 5th Joint Senior Staff College Course, and then he served at the Defence General Staff within the Recruitment/Career Office as a Staff Officer.

As a Lieutenant Colonel, he moved to the North East of Italy in 2006, assuming command of the 1st Armoured Recce Bn. within the 4th Cavalry Recce Regiment. This period included a deployment to Lebanon as a Task Force Commander (UNIFIL mission - Op. "Leonte 2").

In 2007, after Battalion command, he was Military Assistant to EUFOR Commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Op. "ALTHEA" European Mission).

In 2008, he was appointed Chief of Staff at the 132nd "ARIETE" Armoured Brigade.

From April to November 2009 he was Chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force Lebanon – Sector West MN B.de during "Leonte 6" UN Mission. In July 2011, he was promoted Colonel.

From 2011 to 2013, Colonel IACONO was Cavalry Regiment Commander into a Recce Brigade.

From 2013 to 2016, he was appointed Chief of Staff at the "Granatieri Mechanized Brigade". This period included a new deployment to Lebanon (UNIFIL mission - Op. "Leonte 15") as a Chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force Lebanon – Sector West Multinational Brigade.

From 2017 to 2021, he was Head of the Humanitarian Law and Military Operations Department at the Joint Senior Staff College (ISSMI).

In addition to the standard military education program, he attended the following advanced courses:

- 91st CBRN Defence Course;
- 31st Forward Air Controller Course;
- 4th Human Rights/Conflicts Law LEGAD Course;
- 11th Refresher course for Legal Advisors in the Armed Forces;
- 12th Stabilization and Reconstruction Management Course;
- "The new Peace Operation as a Stabilising Factor for the European Union" Course organized by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) in Brussels;
- "Civilian Aspect of Crisis Management" by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) in Brussels;
- Managers' training course on Health Protection and Safety in the Workplace;
- 70th Session of the Institute for High Defence Studies Course (IASD).

He has a degree in Political Sciences (University of Catania), a degree in Strategic Sciences (University of Turin), a degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences (University of Trieste), plus a Master in International Strategic-Military Studies, a Master in Strategic Sciences and the last one, a Master in Global Strategy and Security.

He has been awarded the following:

- Maltese Sovereign Military Order Knight's Cross;
- Military Gold Cross for Meritorious Service;
- Commemorative Cross for domestic law and order operations;
- Commemorative Cross for Peace Operation in Lebanon;
- NATO Medal for the Operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina (SFOR);
- Commemorative Cross for Peace Operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- UN Commemorative Medal for UNIFIL mission in Lebanon;
- EU Commemorative Medal for EUFOR mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Honour Medal of the French Army;
- Honour Medal of the Slovenian Army;
- Silver Medal for long period in Unit command;
- Mauriziana Medal for long military career.

He is married to Mrs. Giusy; they have one daughter and one son, Chiara and Andrea, twenty-seven and twenty-five years old respectively.