

BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL STEFANO VITO SALAMIDA



Lieutenant General Stefano V. Salamida was born and raised in Novara, Italy; he joined the Italian Air Force Academy in 1979 and subsequently attended the flight training program in Moose Jaw, Canada.

During his operational assignments, he commanded two fighter Flight Units as well as an Operational Conversion Squadron, all equipped with F-104 on which flew more than 2500 hours.

In 1997, after attending the Joint Senior Officer Staff Course, he served as a Military Assistant and Chief of the Secretariat of the Italian Deputy Minister of Defense.

In 1999 has been in the US as the first Italian National Deputy in the *Joint Strike Fighter Program* Office in Arlington, Virginia, where he served for three years. In this assignment, US DoD awarded him with the Meritorious Service Medal.

In 2002 returned to Italy as 36th Wing Commander, based in Gioia del Colle, equipped with Tornado Air Defense and Attack fighters, where he served for two years.

Back in Rome in 2004, he has hold the post of Chief of the Office for Ops, Training and Exercises, 3rd Division, Air Force HQ , and subsequently headed the newly created Net Centric Warfare Office in the Joint Forces HQ, C4I and Transformation Division.

In 2005 he attended the first EU European Security and Defense College (ESDC) and, in 2008, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, obtaining a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy at the National Defense University, Washington DC, USA.

In 2009 has been appointed Director of the Italian Joint Strike Fighter Program at Secretariat General/National Armament Directorate and, from 2011 to 2013, he has been heading the Economic and Financial Department at the Italian Air Force Staff.

From September 2013 to July 2016 he served as Chief, Logistic Department, Italian Air Force Staff, directing the acquisition / modernization of Weapon Systems (aircraft, armaments, avionics), Satellites (for observation and telecommunications), Infrastructures (both National and NATO) and Commissariat and Healthcare materials. From March to July 2016 he also served as Deputy Commander of the Italian Joint Force Operational HQ

From August 2016 to July 2019 he has been in the NATO Supreme Allied Command for Transformation, as SACT Deputy Chief of Staff for Joint Forces Development. In this assignment, he has been awarded the French Médaille de la Défense Nationale Etat Major – Echelon or.

Back in Italy, he is working in the Center for High Defense Studies of the Italian MoD, as Director, Center for Military Strategic Studies, now Institute for Research and Analysis of Defense, supporting the new PhD Defence School.

Lt. General Salamida is a command pilot and has flown more than 3,200 hours, mostly on fighters.

He is married to Ms. Flaminia and has a son, Matteo, as well as two daughters, Carla and Laura, from a previous marriage.