

Curriculum vitae

Name: **Francesco COVELLA**
Place and date of birth: Ravenna 12 March 1962
Rank: Rear Admiral, Italian Navy
Position: Director Italian MOD JSF Program Directorate
Family: Married to Mrs. Cristiana Lelli,
two children, Cecilia (22) and Tommaso (20)



Assignments

1984 Naval Academy Graduate, Livorno
1984-86 US Navy Flight Training School, Whiting Field, FL and FRS on ASW Hueys, Catania, Italy.
1986-92 Helo Pilot, then Flight Detachment Commander on ITS Alpino (F-581) and ITS Aliseo (F-574).
1992-93 Commanding Officer, ITS Vega (P404) – Italian maritime economic activities protection (North Africa waters) and sea pollution disaster control.
1993-94 Italian Naval War College, Livorno – Staff Course.
1994-97 Transition Strike Jet at NAS Meridian, MS
Transition Harrier II Plus at VMAT 203 MCAS Cherry Point , NC
“Proficiency Flight” as exchange pilot at VMA 542, MCAS Cherry Point , NC.
1997-01 Executive Officer, then Commanding Officer, Italian Navy “Gruppo Aerei Imbarcati” (AV-8B+ Squadron) in NAS Grottaglie, Italy - Several cruises on Italian CVS Garibaldi (551), including operation “Allied Force” (1999 - Kosovo Campaign, Adriatic Sea)
2001-02 Commanding Officer, ITS Euro (F 575) - Deployed to the Persian Gulf / Gulf of Oman for operation “Enduring Freedom”
2002-05 JSF Program Office, Arlington, VA - Air System Requirements, future reqmts and RWG chair.
2005-06 Naval War College, Newport , RI – Graduated with NCC class of 2006
2006-08 Commanding Officer, Italian Naval School “Francesco Morosini”, Venice, Italy
2008-09 Italian MoD, JSF Program Directorate, Requirements and Operations Department Head.
2009-12 International Directorate Joint Strike Program Office, National Deputy of Italy.
2012- Italian MoD, JSF Program Directorate, Director.

Education

Bachelor degree in “Naval Science”, Italian Naval Academy.
Bachelor degree in “International and Diplomatic Science”, University of Trieste, Italy.
Italian Naval War College Staff Officer Diploma.
US Naval War College Diploma.