

CURRICULUM VITAE

Brigadier General Giacomo DE PONTI



Brig. Gen. Giacomo DE PONTI, was born in Castiglione del Lago (Perugia) on July 12th 1956. He attended the Italian Air Force Academy from 1976 to 1980.

In 1981 he graduated as “Military Pilot” at Reese Air Force Base (Texas) under the USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training program, flying T37 and T38A jet trainers.

As part of his Officer formation, he has attended the Basic (1986) and Advanced (1992) Staff College Course of the Italian Air War School (Florence).

In 1982 - 93 he has been flying in the SAR/CSAR role assigned to 85th Squadron of the 15th Wing (Ciampino - Rome), as well as performing duties of Flight Commander, Squadron Intel, Wing Operations Officer, Wing Flight Safety Officer.

In 1993 – 95 was Commander of the 303rd Aerophotogrammetry and Transport Squadron (Guidonia – Rome).

In 1995 – 99 he has been assigned to the Air Staff (Rome) where he served in the Plans and Operations Branch as responsible of SAR, CSAR and Special Operations Doctrine and Operations.

In 1999-2001, as Colonel, he has been appointed Commander of the 31st Special Transport Wing (State Flights) and of the Ciampino military airport (Rome).

In 2001-2002 he has been appointed to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers as “Commander of the Presidential Aircraft” of the Prime Minister, and Deputy Director of the State Flights Office of the Presidency.

In 2003-2005 he returned to the Air Staff to serve in the Plans and Operations Branch as responsible of the Military Policy, Doctrine & General Planning Office and of the Air Special Operations Concepts development.

In 2005-2008 he has been assigned to the Embassy of Italy of Prague as Defence and Air Attaché to the Czech Republic, where, in July 2008 was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

In August 2008 upon return to Italy, he was reassigned to the Air Staff, Plans and Operations Branch, where he served as Deputy Chief, until being appointed, in May 2009, as Chief of the “Airspace Branch” within the Airspace & Meteorology General Office of the Air Staff.

From October 2010 to April 2014 he held the position of Chief of the Airspace & Meteorology General Office of the Air Staff, being responsible of the regulatory, supervision and auditing functions of the Air Navigation Services provided by the Italian Air Force and of the National Meteorological Service (responsibility of the Italian Air Force). In this capacity he is the National Military representative in various NATO and European Air Traffic Management Committees: EUROCONTROL Provisional Council (PC) and Military ATM Board of Directors (MAB), NATO ATM Committee (NATMC), EU “Blue Med Functional Air Block” Governing Body, European Military ATM Directors (EURAMID) and supervises the Italian participation at the international Meteorological organizations and projects: World Meteorological Organization (WMO), EUMETSAT, EUMETNET.

He has been selected for the position of Deputy Director of the European Air Group, to be assumed in May 2014.

He has totalled more than 3500 flying hours on 19 different types of airplanes and helicopters, the latest and most current being the special transport versions of: Sikorsky SH3D Sea King, Dassault Falcon 50 and Dassault Falcon 900EX, Gulfstream GIII and Airbus A319CJ.

During his career he has attended several courses in various fields: Flight Safety, Intelligence Officer, NATO Planning and Management Course, NATO Joint Air Operations (Joint Warfare), NATO Cooperation and Civil Emergency Planning (NATO SEP/CIMIC), NATO Crisis Management, NATO Staff Officer.

Brig. Gen. Giacomo DE PONTI has two degrees, in “Aeronautical Science” (University of Naples) and in “International and Diplomatic Sciences” (University of Trieste).

He has received the following awards and decorations:

Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Grand Officer of the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great (Vatican), Gold Medal for Air Service, Mauritian Medal, Gold Cross for Military Service, NATO medals for operations in former Yugoslavia and in Kosovo.

He is fellow of the “Transatlantic Flyer Association”.

He and his wife Donatella –married in 1980 - have two sons, Francesco 29 years old and Flavia 23 years old.