



CLAUDIO GRAZIANO

ITALIAN ARMY

Head Of Mission - Force Commander UNIFIL

The Secretary General of the United Nations appointed Lieutenant General (MG) Claudio GRAZIANO as Head of Mission and Force Commander UNIFIL on 19 January 2007.

Lieutenant General Claudio GRAZIANO attended the Military Academy and the Combined Arms Specialization School from 1972 to 1976. He was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1974.

In 1976 his initial assignment was Commander of an Alpine Infantry platoon of the Susa Battalion, in Pinerolo near Turin. In 1977 he commanded a platoon of the Anti-tank Company of the Taurinense Alpine Brigade. In that position he participated to some international exercises in Denmark and Norway with NATO's Allied Mobile Force (Land Element) (AMF(L)). In 1980 he moved to Monguelfo, near Bolzano, at the Tridentina Brigade, where he commanded a mortar and then a rifle (Alpini) Company in the Trento Alpine Infantry Battalion. From 1983 to 1986, he was Commander of a Cadet Company and then of the Headquarters Company at the Alpine Military School in Aosta.

In 1987 he was promoted to the rank of Major and transferred to Rome at the Army General Staff where he served for two years as Staff officer, at the System Development Section, under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. In 1990, after being promoted Lieutenant Colonel, Maj. Gen. GRAZIANO was employed in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army as Military Assistant. Later, in June 1992, he was reassigned as Commanding Officer of the Susa Alpine Infantry Battalion in Pinerolo. In that position he deployed with his battalion in operation UNOMOZ in Mozambique. At the end of 1993 he was appointed Chief of the Military Assistant Section of the Army Chief of Staff.

Promoted to Colonel in 1996, he took Command of the 2nd Alpine Regiment in Cuneo. In that position he was again in Norway with the AMF(L) for arctic exercises. In 1998 he was re-assigned to the Army General Staff as Chief of the Plans and Policy Division. In September 2001 he was appointed Military Attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on 1 January 2002.

Returned from the United States in August 2004, he was assigned to the Alpine Taurinense Brigade in Turin as Commanding General, position he held until February 2006. During this tour, he served in Afghanistan as Commander Kabul Multinational Brigade within ISAF VIII from July 2005 to February 2006. He was promoted to Major General on 1 January 2006 and assigned to the Italian Joint Operations Headquarters in March 2006 as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, responsible for planning, deployment and employment of all the Italian Military Contingents operational missions and tasks, both overseas and in country.

Lieutenant General GRAZIANO is a Mountain Warfare and Sky instructor, and is Airborne and Ranger qualified. He attended both the basic and the advanced Command and Staff courses at the Italian Army Staff College. He is also a graduate of the United States Army War College in Carlisle.

Lieutenant General GRAZIANO holds a degree in Strategic Military Studies and two Master Degrees, one in Human Sciences from the Catholic University in Rome and one in Strategic Military Sciences. Most recently he graduated in Diplomatic Sciences from the Trieste University.

Lieutenant General Claudio GRAZIANO is married to Mrs Marisa LANUCARA.

MILITARY EDUCATION

1972 - 1974 Military Academy
1974 - 1976 Combined Arms Specialization School
1987 - 1988 Command And Staff College (Capt. Level)
1990 - 1991 Command And Staff College (Maj./Ltc. Level)
1996 - 1997 U.S. Army War College

MILITARY SERVICE

1976 - 1977 Alpine Infantry (Riflemen) Platoon Leader
1977 - 1980 Alpine Infantry (Anti-Tank) Dep.Cdr
1980 - 1983 Alpine Infantry Mortar/Riflemen Coy Cdr.
1983 - 1987 Alpine Cadet Coy Cdr - Alpine School Hq Spt Coy Cdr.
1987 - 1990 Army Gen. Staff - Procurement Dept - Pls Office - Staff Officer
1990 - 1992 Army Gen. Staff - Office Of The C.O.S.- Sec. Head
1992 - 1993 Air Mobile Alpine Infantry Battalion - Commanding Officer
1993 - 1996 Army Gen. Staff - Office Of The C.O.S.- Secretary And Coord. Office - Sec. Head
1997 - 1998 2nd Alpine Infantry Regiment - Commanding Officer
1998 - 2001 Army Gen. Staff - Plans anFinancial Dept. - Plans Division - Head of Office
2001 - 2004 Italian Military Attache' In The United States Of America
2004 - 2006 Alpine Infantry Brigade - Commanding General
2006 – 01/2007 Deputy Chief Of Staff For Operations IT JOHQ
01/2007- to date Head of Mission/Force Commander UNIFIL

OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD

1992 - 1993 Unomoz - Beira Corridor - (Mozambique) Co Of The It Battalion
2005 - 2006 Kabul Multi-National Brigade - Commanding General
01/2007 – to date Head of Mission/Force Commander UNIFIL

PROMOTIONS

1974 2nd Lieutenant
1976 1st Lieutenant
1980 Captain
1988 Major
1990 Lieutenant Colonel
1995 Colonel
2002 Brigadier General
2006 Major General
2010 Lieutenant General

DECORATIONS

- Army Meritorious Service Silver Cross
- Knight Of Italian Republic Order Of Merit
- Ten Years Command Army Medal
- Seniority Silver Medal
- UN Mission In Mozambique Commemorative Medal
- Italian Defence Peacekeeping Commemorative Medal
- NATO Medal For ISAF Mission
- Italian Medal For Peace Operation In Afghanistan
- The US Legion Of Merit
- The French Golden Medal
- The German And The Norwegian Meritorious Service Medals

INTERESTS

History, Traveling, Reading, Sports.