



## **Brigadier General Francesco S. Agresti**

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**Brigadier General Francesco Saverio Agresti** was born in 1964 and started his military career in 1984 as an Air Force cadet at the ITAF Academy, he graduated in 1987. After getting his wings, in 1989, he was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing in Treviso (G-91R and AM-X).

In 1993, he was assigned to the 3<sup>th</sup> Wing in Villafranca (AM-X). In 1999, he was assigned with his Squadron to the 51<sup>st</sup> Wing in Istrana, where he held several posts, including Squadron Commander (132 Sqn) and Chief of Wing Operations. During his squadron activity, BG Agresti achieved several instructor qualifications and acquired operational experience taking part to all NATO operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, from 1995 to 1998, and to Operation "Allied Force" in Kosovo in 1999.

From Aug-2002 to Aug-2003 he attended the *Advanced Command and Staff Course* at the UK *Joint Command and Staff College*. Back to Italy, he was assigned to the ITAF Flight Safety Inspectorate in Rome, where, once he got the rank of Colonel in 2004, he held responsibility for the Prevention Branch and the Safety Education Department.

From Sep-2007 to Sep-2009 BG Agresti commanded the a 32<sup>nd</sup> Wing in Amendola (AM-X/AM-XT and MQ-1A Predator). Since 2009, he has been employed in the ITAF Operational Force Command in Rome, initially as chief of the Training and Standardization Branch, and then, since Aug-2011, as chief of the A5 Plans Branch.

From Sep-2013 to May-2014 BG Agresti commanded the *Joint Air Task Force* (JATF) in Herat (Afghanistan), the ITAF task force (AM-X, MQ-9 Predator B, C-130J and EC-27J JEDI) placed under the authority of the Regional Command West (RC-W) to support ISAF mission.

In Sep-2014, BG Agresti was appointed as Commandant of the 1th Air Brigade – Special Operations, the duty he holds at present. Established and having its HQ in Cervia air base, under the 1th Air Brigade stand: the 17<sup>th</sup> Wing (SOF); the 16<sup>th</sup> Wing (ITAF FP Regiment); the 9<sup>th</sup> Wing (RW SAO/SOAS); the 15<sup>th</sup> Wing (RW PR) and the ITAF K9 Company (IEDD).

BG Agresti has got two Degrees and a MA in *Defence Studies*, he is a Flight Tactics instructor and a Safety and Operational Risk Management lecturer.

He is married with Mrs. Loredana and has a 16 years old boy, Stefano.

