



**Lieutenant General Giovanni Nistri**

Commanding General of the  
Italian Carabinieri Corps

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He was born in Rome on February 14th, 1956. He is married with 2 children. He attended the Nunziatella Military School of Naples from 1970 to 1974, the Military Academy of Modena from 1974 to 1976 and the Carabinieri Officer School in 1976 and 1978. He attended the 3rd course for Carabinieri officers at the Carabinieri Officer School and at the Army War School of Civitavecchia (Rome), in 1988 - 1989. He attended the 113rd General Staff Advanced Course at the War School of Civitavecchia in 1991 -1992. He graduated in Law at the University of Trieste in 1981, in Political Science at the University of Siena in 1988 as well as in Security Sciences (1st level) and in Internal and External Security Sciences (master's degree) at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata", in the year 2003. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Public Management and Public Communication at the L.U.M.S.A. (Free Maria Santissima Assunta University) of Rome in the year 2002. He earned a Master's Degree in Strategic Sciences at the University of Turin in 2004. He passed the bar exam as a lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Catanzaro, in the year 2000. He was co-director of the "Il Carabiniere" magazine. He has been registered in the Register of Journalists - List of Publicists - of the Order of Journalists of Tuscany, since 2004. He was a member of the following ministerial bodies: - Special Permanent Commission for the security of national cultural heritage; - Committee for the issues related to the return of cultural assets illegitimately stolen from the Italian cultural heritage; - Commission for the census of numismatic collections. He has taught Cultural Heritage Security at the L.U.M.S.A. university of Rome, faculty of Law, in the Public Administration Sciences master's degree course. He is Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic and Knight Commander of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great, he has been awarded the First Class Diploma with a Gold Medal for Merit to Culture, Art and School. He is an Academic of the Rubiconia Academy of the Filopatri di Savignano sul Rubicone (Forlì-Cesena) and Honorary Academician of the Raffaello Academy of Urbino (Pesaro Urbino), a city where he received honorary citizenship.

After the training phase, in the autumn of 1978 he was assigned to the 4th "Veneto" Carabinieri Battalion of Venice - Mestre, as a Platoon and then Coy Commander.

The following year he was selected as an instructor at the Carabinieri Cadet Officers at the Military Academy of Modena where he held the positions of Platoon and Coy Commander. Promoted to the rank of captain, in 1981 he commanded the Carabinieri coy of Urbino and, in 1984, that of Sanremo (Imperia).

In the autumn of 1985, he was called to the Carabinieri General Headquarters, where he worked until 1994 as section Head of the Social Services Office and then of the Commissioned Personnel Office. From 1994 to 1997, as Lieutenant Colonel, he held the position of the Carabinieri Provincial District Commander of Cosenza and then he was assigned again to the Carabinieri General Headquarters as Head of the Commissioned Personnel Office. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in 2000, the following year he was appointed as Head of the V Division "Communication and General Affairs" at the Carabinieri General Headquarters, a position he held until April 2003. From April 2003 to October 2006, he held the position of the Carabinieri Provincial District Commander of Florence. With the rank of Brigadier General, from 10 January 2007 to 27 September 2010 he held the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage. From September 2010 to September 2012, he held the position of Commander of the Carabinieri Legion of Tuscany. In the rank of Major General, from 6 September 2012 to 19 January 2014 he commanded the Carabinieri Officer School. From 20 January 2014 to 14 February 2016 by Prime Ministerial Decree of December 27 2013, he was appointed as the Great Pompeii Project's Director General. Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General on 1 January 2016, on 15 February he was appointed as Chairman of the Evaluation and Advance Commission of the Carabinieri, a position he held until December 31st, 2016, in partial simultaneously with that of the Commander of the Interegional "Ogaden" Command who he carried out from April 6th, 2016 to January 11th, 2018, with executive management functions, coordination and control of the Carabinieri Legions of Campania, Puglia, Basilicata, Abruzzo and Molise.

From January 29th to June 30th 2017 he also held the position of General Manager in charge of the Automated Information Systems of the Carabinieri. On December 22nd, 2017 he was appointed, by decree of the Council of Ministers, as the Carabinieri Commanding General taking office on January 16th, 2018.