



## **Lieutenant General Alberto Rosso**

Chief of the Italian Air Force

### **Future Forces Forum**

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Lt.Gen. Alberto Rosso is the Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force.

Born in Genoa on Sep 29, 1959, he joined the Air Force Academy in 1978 and graduated as 2nd Lt in 1982. Upon completion of the Academy, he attended and graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, OK, in 1983.

L.G. Rosso spent the majority of his operational career as an Air Defense fighter pilot. He commanded the 9th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Fighter Wing. He was responsible for the transition of the first Italian Air Force Fighter Wing from the legacy F104 aircraft to the Eurofighter Aircraft (EF2000).

He spent six years in the Air Staff dealing with policy, operations, planning and financial plans with a follow-on assignment to the Italian Defense General Staff (J-3) where he served for three years as Chief of NATO, EU and UN Policy Office. Promoted to BG on 01 Jul 2007, he spent the next three years as the Deputy J-3 and deputy Defense Policy Director. As Deputy J-3 he was responsible for coordinating the policy of Italian military operations within NATO, EU, UN and Multinational coalitions and for developing Italian Military Strategy for out of area operations.

He was also the Defense General Staff lead for arms control and counterproliferation. He then served as Chief of Staff of the Air Force Logistic Command and subsequently as Chief of the 4th Department of the Air Staff, responsible for coordinating all major Air Force acquisition programs. After being promoted to Major General on April 2013, he served from 2013 to 2015 as Chief of the Logistic and Infrastructure Department of the Defense General Staff and lead for the Defense Space policy. In 2014 he was also nominated as member of the Board of Directors of the Italian Space Agency. In July 2015 he became Deputy Chief of Cabinet of the Italian Defence Minister.

He was promoted to Lieutenant General on February 2016. In July 2016 he was nominated Chief of Cabinet of the Italian Defence Minister. He was confirmed in June 2018 with the new government and the new Defence Ministry. On 31st October 2018, he has been nominated Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force. Lt.Gen. Rosso holds a master degree in Military Aeronautical Sciences from the University of Naples.

Gen. Rosso is married to Flavia. They have a daughter and a son, Federica and Enrico.