



Biography



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MARCO FRANCESCO D'ASTA Colonel, Italian Air Force

Senior National Representative **Commander, Training Wing**

Colonel Marco Francesco D'Asta was born in Erice (TP) in 1964. He joined the Italian Air Force (ITAAF) Academy in 1983 (Centauro IV Course) and graduated “cum laude” in 1987. He went through his pilot training in Sheppard AF Base, Wichita Falls (TX), attending the Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT).



His first operational assignment was with the ITAAF 13th Squadron (SQN) of the 32nd Wing at Brindisi Air Base where he flew the G91Y in the Fighter Bomber Attack (FBA) and Reconnaissance (RECCE) roles.

In 1991 he was assigned to the Special 32nd Wing cell at Amendola Air Base. This unit was established as the basis for the movement of the 32nd Wing from Brindisi Air Base to Amendola Air Base.

From 1993 to 1994 he was Operational Training Chief of the 32nd Wing and from 1994 to 1996 32nd Wing Flight Safety Officer.

In 1996 he was reassigned to the 13th Squadron which, in the meantime, had moved from Brindisi to Amendola Air Base and acquired the new AMX aircraft. From 1996 to 1999 he was appointed to various leadership roles within the 13th SQN, to include assignment as the Squadron Operations Officer during the “Allied Force” Operation over Kosovo.

At the end of 1999 he became the 32nd Wing Operations Officer, remaining in that assignment until 2001 when he became the 13th Squadron Commander.

In 2003, after attending the Italian Air War College, he was sent to the US to attend the Joint Force Staff College Course.

After a very short period at the Air Force Training Office of the Italian Air Force “Forces Command” (CSA), he was assigned in 2004 to the NATO Allied Command Operations (ACO) Tactical Leadership Programme (TLP) as Chief Flying Branch.

In 2006 he returned to Italy as Deputy Chief of the ITAF Forces Command 5th Office “Forces Efficiency”.

In 2008 he was sent to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul as Director Air Liaison Element (ALE) Projects / Chief Unified Action.

Since 9 September 2009 Colonel D'Asta has been appointed Commander Training Wing & Italian Senior National Representative at the NATO Airborne Early Warning Control Force, E-3A Component Geilenkirchen.

He has flown more than 2200 Flying Hours on fighter aircraft (T-37, T-38, MB339, G91Y, G91T, AMX and AMXT), 75 of which were combat hours flown during "Deliberate Guard" and "Allied Force" Operations.

His key qualifications include:

- Degree in "Aeronautical Science".
- Flight Safety Officer Qualification.
- Operational Tactics Instructor Qualification in the FBA role.

He is divorced and has two children: Erika (20) and Dario (19).