

Lieutenant General (IT Army) Enrico BARDUANI



LTG Enrico BARDUANI attended the Army Military Academy in Modena, after graduating at the Army Military High-School “Nunziatella” in Naples. After being commissioned as Cavalry Second Lieutenant in 1990, he attended the Junior Army Officer School in Turin and was promoted First Lieutenant (1st September 1992). Assigned to the 5th Cavalry RECCE Regiment “Lancieri di Novara” stationed close to the city of Udine, he served up to 1997 as RECCE Coy Commander. From 1997 to 1998 he was Instructor at the Army Cavalry School and from 1998 to 2001 he served as Instructor at the Army Reconnaissance, Surveillance & Target Acquisition Training Centre.

He was appointed as Staff Officer at the cabinet of the Chief of the IT Army, while in 2008, promoted Lieutenant Colonel, he took over the command of the RECCE Squadron of the 6th Cavalry Regiment “Lancieri di Aosta” in Palermo, Sicily.

In 2013, he was appointed as Commander of the 3rd “Savoia” Cavalry Airborne Regiment, the RECCE regiment of the Paratrooper Brigade “Folgore” stationed in Tuscany.

From 2015 to 2016 he was deployed to Pristina (Kosovo) as Chief of Cabinet to the Commander of the NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR). Back to Italy, he served as Chief PAO in the cabinet of the Chief of Defence.

In 2018, he was promoted Brigadier General and in 2019 he was appointed as Commander of the 132nd “Ariete” Armoured Brigade. Deployed to Afghanistan, he served as TAAC-WEST Commander in Herat from December 2019 to August 2020.

From September 2020 to May 2022, he was appointed as Chief of Cabinet to the Chairman of the EU Military Committee in Brussels. Back to Italy, he was assigned to the Cabinet of the Minister of Defence as Vice Chief of Cabinet responsible for Military Policy Affairs, as well as Italian Defence Policy Director.

From October 2024 to October 2025 he served as Commander of the NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR) in Pristina, Kosovo.

During his career he attended several military courses, including the following:

- 38th Military Intelligence Course;
- 127th Army Staff Course at the IT Army War College;
- 2nd course for RISTA Officers (IT Army RISTA Training Centre);
- 6th Recon Course (IT Army Infantry School);
- Commonwealth of Independent States Recon Course (ILRRP NATO School – Pfullendorf);
- 13th Joint Staff Course at the French Joint Staff College in Paris (FR);
- Post Conflict Rebuilding Management Course for Senior Leaders at the IT Army Peace Support Operations Centre in Turin.

He participated in:

- homeland security operations (three tours, from 1994 to 1996) - Coy Commander supporting the national Police forces in Sicily;
- NATO Operation “Joint Guardian” in Kosovo (2001) – National Intelligence Cell, Deputy Chief;
- Operation in Iraq (2004) – J3 Current Ops;
- UN Operation in Lebanon, UNIFIL (2009) – RECCE Squadron Commander;
- NATO Operation “Joint Enterprise” (2015-2016) in Kosovo – Chief of Cabinet to the Commander of the NATO Kosovo Force;

- NATO “Resolute Support” Mission (2019-2020) in Afghanistan – Train, Advice and Assist Command-West Commander;
- NATO Operation "Joint Endeavour" in Kosovo (2024-2025) - Commander of the NATO Kosovo Force (KFOR).

His main awards are:

- “Knight” of the Military Order of Italy;
- “Commendatore” of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic;
- “Officer” of the Legion of Merit of the United States of America;
- Kosovo Presidential Military Medal;
- Medal for Multinational Cooperation – 1st grade – of the Slovenian Republic;
- Meritorious Medal – 3rd class – of the Romanian Armed Forces;
- Moldovan Defence Medal;
- United States of America Defense Meritorious Medal;
- NATO Meritorious Medal;
- Non-Article 5 NATO Medal;
- UN Medal for UNIFIL;
- Cross for Homeland Security operations.

He is qualified as Armoured Unit Commander and he has got the Italian Army Parachute badge and the US Army Parachute badge.

He got a degree in Political Sciences at the University of Turin, a degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences at the University of Trieste, and a Master in Political Sciences at the University of Turin.

LTG BARDUANI is married to Mrs. Daniela, a Local Police official in Rome.