

***Pasquale PREZIOSA***  
**Chief of the Italian Air Force**



Lieutenant General Pasquale PREZIOSA was born in Bisceglie near Bari on 21 March 1953. He joined the Air Academy in 1971 where he qualified as military pilot. During his career, he flew on several different aircrafts serving as Combat Pilot. As Chief of Air Force, he is responsible for the recruitment, training, employment of the airmen and airwomen of the Italian Air Force, as well as for Air Force operational plans.



### **EDUCATION**

1975 Jet Training course, Jet Flight School, Lecce  
1976 Pre-operational and Gunnery Training course, Advanced Jet Flight School, Amendola  
1977 F-104G Aircraft Certification course, 4<sup>th</sup> Wing, Grosseto  
1978 Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape course, Survival Training Center, Vigna di Valle  
1980 Flight Safety Awareness Courses, Air War College, Firenze  
1981 Basic Staff College course, Air War College, Firenze  
1982 Flight Instructor course, Jet Flight School, Lecce  
1983 Tornado Aircraft Instructor course, Cottesmore AFB (UK)  
1989 Advanced Staff College course, Air War College, Firenze  
1993 Defense Resources Management course, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey (USA)  
1999 War College course, National Defense College, Roma  
1999 Management Resources course, National Defense College, Roma  
Lt.Gen. PREZIOSA holds Postgraduate degrees in Aeronautic Sciences and International and Diplomatic Sciences.

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. October 1971 – March 1975, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Italian Air Force Academy, Pozzuoli
2. March 1975 – April 1976, Pilot training, Jet Flight School, Lecce
3. April 1976 – March 1977, Pilot training, Advanced Jet Flight School, Amendola
4. March 1977 – September 1980, Commander, 382<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Bomber Squadron, Gioia del Colle AFB
5. September 1980 – April 1981, Student Officer, Air Staff College, Firenze
6. April 1981 – August 1982, Commander, 384<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Squadron, Gioia del Colle AFB
7. August 1982 – April 1983, Chief, Operations Section Training Team, 156<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Group, Gioia del Colle AFB
8. April 1983 – June 1985, Chief, Operations Section, 156<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Group, Gioia del Colle AFB
9. June 1985 – September 1985, Chief, Operations Section, Operations Office, 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, Gioia del Colle
10. September 1985 – August 1987, Operations Officer 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, Gioia del Colle AFB
11. September 1987 – September 1988, Commander 156<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Group, Gioia del Colle AFB
12. September 1988 – June 1989, Student Officer, Air Staff College, Firenze

13. July 1989 – January 1992, Personal Staff Officer, Commander 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Force Military Region, Roma
14. January 1992 – August 1994, Section Chief, Budget Planning Office, Air Force Staff, Roma
15. September 1994 – September 1996, Commander, 36<sup>th</sup> Wing, Gioia del Colle AFB
16. September 1996 – July 1998, Office Chief, Budget Planning Office, Air Force Staff, Roma
17. July 1998 – October 1998, Deputy Chief of General Planning Department, Air Force Staff, Roma
18. October 1998 – June 1999, Student Officer, National Defense College, Roma
19. August 1999 – December 2001, Chief, General Office of the Chief of the Air Force Staff, Roma
20. December 2001 – July 2003, Deputy Chief, Plans and Operations Department, Air Force Staff, Roma
21. August 2003 – September 2006, Defense Attaché and Defense Cooperation Attaché, Washington DC (USA)
22. September 2006 – February 2008, Chief, Budget Planning Office, Defense General Staff, Roma
23. February 2008 – October 2009, Chief, Plans and Operations Department, Defense General Staff, Roma
24. April 2010 – December 2011, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Bari
25. December 2011 – February 2013, Chief, Cabinet of the Minister of Defense, Roma
26. February 2013 – present, Chief of Air Force, Roma

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,300

Aircraft flown: P148, MB326, G91T, F104, G222, PA200, NH500, P180, FALCON 900

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Order of Merit of the Italian Republic – 1<sup>st</sup> Class/Knight Grand Cross

Mauritian Medal for Distinguished Military Service

Gold Distinguished Flying Medal

Gold Service Cross

NATO Medal for Former Yugoslavia

Legion of Merit Medal of the United States of America – Officer Class

Gold Eagle Medal of the Republic of Albania – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Legion of Honor of the French Republic – Officer Class

*Fe en la Causa* Medal of the Republic of Colombia

Order of Aeronautical Merit of the Federative Republic of Brazil – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class/Grand Officer

#### **DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant October 8, 1973

First Lieutenant April 8, 1975

Captain April 8, 1977

Major January 1, 1982

Lieutenant Colonel January 1, 1985

Colonel December 31, 1991

Brigadier General January 1, 1999

Major General January 1, 2005

Lieutenant General June 22, 2009

*(Current as of November 2014)*