



Change at the Top, General Masiello Takes Command of the Army

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The Paratrooper Army Corps General "Aquila 1" Carmine Masiello is officially in command of the Army.

On a day marked by deep respect and solemnity, the "Abba" barracks of the "Cecchignola" military complex provided the backdrop for the important change at the top of the Italian Army General Staff. General Pietro Serino handed over the baton to his peer Carmine Masiello, in a ceremony that highlighted the unbreakable bond between the Armed Forces and the memory of the fallen of all wars, symbolized by the tribute to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Altar of the Fatherland.

The event is not only significant for the change of command but also marks a historic moment: Army Corps General Carmine Masiello is the first paratrooper to hold the position of Chief of Staff of the Army. Masiello's appointment also highlights the Army's openness to leadership that combines experience and skills acquired in one of the most demanding corps of the armed force, the Folgore Paratroopers Brigade which he commanded from 2010 to 2011.

During the ceremony, passion and commitment to the homeland were the main themes, with the passing of the War Flag between the two Generals symbolizing the continuity of dedication and service. The presence of the Minister of Defense, Hon. Guido Crosetto, and other civil and military authorities, underscored the importance of the event for the entire nation.

General Serino, with an emotional speech, retraced his long career, which began in 1974, emphasizing the Army's role in defending democratic and constitutional values and in evolving towards modernization that respects traditions but is ready for future challenges. He highlighted the importance of loyalty, work ethic, and fidelity to the Republic, principles that have guided his career and remain fundamental for the Armed Forces.

Minister Crosetto spoke of continuity and change as indispensable elements for institutions that want to remain faithful to their values while innovating. This vision aligns perfectly with the appointment of a paratrooper as head of the Army, symbolizing an institution that knows how to evolve while keeping its principles firm.

Admiral Cavo Dragone praised General Serino's ability to navigate the complexities of modern scenarios and welcomed General Masiello's priorities, which emphasize training, modernization, and a strong ethical commitment, particularly towards young soldiers.

General Masiello, taking the floor, highlighted the importance of military values and the sense of belonging, emphasizing his commitment to continue in the direction taken, with a keen eye on modernization needs and the importance of ethics. His background in the paratroopers adds a three-dimensional aspect to the Army, bringing experiences and skills that promise to guide it with determination and innovation.

His appointment represents a significant step forward for the Italian Army, marking a moment of historic evolution. General Masiello's leadership, rooted in a distinguished career and deep values, is a clear signal of the Army's ability to adapt and progress, always keeping the commitment to the nation's security and well-being at the center.

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