



Paratrooper General Carmine Masiello Chief of SME, perhaps we are really there

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Italy is approaching a historic moment, a moment that Paratroopers of every era have awaited for 83 long years.

General of the Army Corps Carmine Masiello, currently serving as Deputy Chief of Defense Staff, has emerged as the leading candidate for the appointment as Chief of Staff of the Italian Army. His potential appointment marks a significant moment for the Italian armed forces, representing the first time a general with a background in paratrooper troops will assume this role since 1941, the year the paratrooper specialty was established in Italy.

The appointment of a general with a strong background in airborne troops as Chief of the Army Staff underscores the growing importance of mobility, flexibility, and specialized operational capabilities in the current global security landscape. Moreover, it reflects the appreciation of diverse experiences within the Italian armed forces, promoting a holistic approach to military

leadership that integrates various perspectives and skills.

The transition to the new Chief of Army Staff, replacing General Pietro Serino, whose term is about to conclude, occurs during a period of significant global challenges, with Italy engaged in various international missions and facing the need to adapt to a rapidly evolving security environment. Masiello's leadership will be crucial in navigating these challenges, balancing immediate operational needs with the long-term vision for training, capability development, and personnel welfare.

In conclusion, the potential appointment of General Masiello as Chief of Army Staff represents an important step for the Italian armed forces, not only for the historical significance of having a paratrooper general in this position for the first time but also for the opportunity to lead the army with a renewed vision drawing from a wide range of operational and strategic experiences. His leadership comes at a crucial time, with Italy continuing to play an active role in international operations and in strengthening European security and defense.