



MGEN (rtd) Alessandro Pera

Programme Director Ballistic Missile Defence

MGEN (rtd) Pera is the Programme Director Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) for the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency. In February 2010, he took up the post of Programme Manager of the ALTBMD Programme Office for the NATO C3 Agency (NC3A). As part of the establishment of the NCI Agency on 1 July 2012, the ALTBMD Programme Office became the NATO Ballistic Missile Defence Programme Office (NATO BMD PO).

Previously, from March 2007 till 2010, he was the appointed Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, C4I and Transformation of the Defence General Staff in Italy.

From 2003 to 2007, he was designated as Director of Support Directorate in CAOC 8 Torrejon (ESP).

In the rank of Colonel he was posted from 1999 to 2003 as Commander of the 446th Technical Support Wing of the 46th Air Transport Brigade.

He participated in NATO/multinational operations such as SFOR Sarajevo in 1998 and supported NATO operations in Kosovo and Operation Enduring Freedom; he also was deployed during Operation Stabilize to Darwin (AUS) in the 46th Air Brigade Detachment.

He attended the Italian Air Force Junior Officer Staff Course in 1982 and the Senior Officer Staff College in 1992-93.

In 1986, he served as Deputy and then (1988-1990) Commander of NATO LANDSOUTH/5th ATAF Joint Signal Group in Verona.

He served in numerous units and HQs of the Italian Air Force with growing responsibilities mainly in the area of Communications & Electronics and Command & Control. He was also in charge of supporting the Air Traffic Control of Italian north western region. He served several tours of duty in NATO air component HQs in Italy, Turkey and Spain in progressive ranks from Captain to Colonel.

MGEN (rtd) Alessandro Pera was born in Pisa (Italy) on 25 September 1948. He was commissioned from the Air Force Academy in 1971.

MGEN (rtd) Pera earned University degrees in Aeronautical Sciences. He attended numerous national and NATO Courses during his career.

His awards include:

- Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic
- Mauritian Gold Medal for prolonged Military Service
- Long Service Cross
- Long Air Command Military Medal
- Commemorative Cross for Peacekeeping Missions
- NATO Medal for Military Operation in former Yugoslavia
- NATO Medal for Military Operation in Kosovo
- International Force East Timor Medal

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