

Curriculum Vitae *Rear Admiral (LH)* Gaetano VIRGILIO (ITN)



Rear Admiral (LH) Gaetano VIRGILIO joined the Italian Navy in 1988 and, after completion of basic training course in Radio Communications and Information Management, took several appointments onboard Italian Ships. Among these his first command of Patrolling ITS VEGA in 2001, his second command of Frigate ITS SCIROCCO in 2010 and the command of Destroyer ITS DUILIO with the rank of Captain in 2014.

Ashore appointments were mainly addressed in the management of information and communication systems at the Italian Navy General Staff in the periods 2004-2010 and 2011-2015, as well as at the Main Center for

Telecommunications and Information Technology of the Navy in Rome as Director from 2016 to 2019.

Promoted Real Admiral, from October 2019 to March 2023 he was the Chief of Defence Innovation Office.

From the beginning April 2023 is the Director of Higher Education and Research Division at Italian Centre for Higher Defence Studies.

Qualifications attained:

- Degree in Political Sciences and Degree in Naval and Maritime Sciences
- Master's Degree in Strategic-Military International Studies and Master's Degree in Global Strategy and Security

Decoration awards:

- Order of Merit of the Italian Republic
- Mauritian Medal
- Long Command Bronze Medal
- Long Navigation Duty Medal
- Golden Cross for Long Active Duty;

Rear Admiral VIRGILIO is married to Mrs. Daniela and they have two sons, Tommaso and Giacomo, and one daughter Maria Eugenia.