

## **General Salvatore Farina (Italy) Assumes Command of Joint Force Command Brunssum in an Official Handover Ceremony from General Hans-Lothar Domröse (Germany)**

After more than three years General Hans-Lothar Domröse (German Army) leaves Headquarters Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum, handing command to his successor, General Salvatore Farina (Italian Army), with effect 04 March 2016.

Leaving active duty after 43 years of service General Domröse can look back on an impressive military career full of achievement. Highlights include: a tour, in 1999, in Kosovo as Chief of Staff, Multinational Brigade South of the 3rd Operational Contingent KFOR; ISAF Chief of Staff in Kabul in 2008 and, as of 2011, an appointment as the German Military Representative to NATO and the EU in Brussels immediately prior to assuming command of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum on 14 December 2012. Following a ceremony led by General Philip M. Breedlove (United States Air Force), NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), General Farina will become the first Italian General to assume command of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum. General Farina is an officer with an extensive professional experience, acquired both in Italy, in the Army Staff, in the Defense General Staff, and abroad, as Military Attaché in London as well as NATO Force Commander in Kosovo (KFOR) from 2013 to 2014.

The Change of Command Ceremony will take place at the Hendrik Barracks – home of the Joint Force Command - in Brunssum and will be attended by numerous high ranking civilian and military representatives of NATO and partner nations, regional and local dignitaries, and HQ staff.

More information and imagery will be available on the JFC Brunssum website and social media platforms after the ceremony.

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