



Biography

Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence

Captain Bruno Scalfaro, ITA-N Transformation Branch Head

Captain Bruno Scalfaro was born in Perugia on 14th February 1969. In 1987 he attended the Italian Naval Academy in Livorno from where he was commissioned as Ensign in 1991. Captain Scalfaro has spent the majority of his operational career onboard submarines. From the years 1991-1999, he served the following subsurface assignments:

Navigator on the ITS GAZZANA, Weapons Officer on the ITS PELOSI, and later billeted as the Operations and Executive Officer onboard ITS LONGOBARDO.

After attending the Naval Command School in Augusta and the Advanced Staff Course in Livorno, he was placed in command of the Italian Minehunter ITS RIMINI from 1999 to 2000. Later he served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer from 2002 to 2004 onboard the Submarine ITS DI COSSATO.



In 2004, he was appointed head of the Personnel Section of the Italian Navy General Staff Submarine Department in Rome. He attended the NATO Defense College before being assigned to the Headquarters of the Italian Fleet (CINCPNAV) at the Submarine Operations Division in Rome.

The newly promoted Commander was designated in 2007 as the Commanding Officer of the Italian Submarine Squadron (COMGRUPSOM) in Taranto. Following his assignment at COMGRUPSOM, he returned to CINCPNAV and was promoted to the rank of Captain and designated as Head of the Submarine Operations Division until 2012 and Head of the Personnel Branch of the General Staff until 2014.

From 2014 to 2015, he was the Commanding Officer of the Special Naval Group in La Spezia (Supporting group to Italian Naval Special Forces and Divers); he later became Chief of Staff of the Command of the 1st Naval Division in La Spezia (COMDINAV1, Naval Group of the Tyrrhenian Sea mainly formed by Newly Commissioned Frigates).

Since 2017, he has been assigned to CJOS COE in Norfolk, Virginia as Head of the Transformation Branch. Captain Scalfaro is an honors graduate in "Maritime and Naval Sciences" from the University of Pisa, and a graduate of the Advanced Course for Naval Officer and the Advanced Specialization Course for Submariners.

Main Decorations and Medals include: Italian Traditional Decorations for Submariners; Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic; Maurician Medal for ten lustrums military career; Medal of Merit for long Navy Command (10 years); Silver Medal of Honor for Sea Duty (15 years); NATO Medal for the former Yugoslavia; NATO Medal for Kosovo; Gold Cross for Service Seniority