

Today, March 10, 2025, is a special day for me — twice over, and for two reasons.

The first is the joy and the honor of being here with you to celebrate such an important milestone in your journey: the 25th anniversary of the founding of the 185th Paratroopers Reconnaissance Target Acquisition Regiment “Folgore,” a Special Forces unit of the Italian Army.

I hope that my artwork will remain in the memory of history, accompanying you with the same depth and strength that define your spirit. The second reason is the happiness of once again having the opportunity to demonstrate how art can serve as an important alternative vehicle — a way to make visible what cannot always be witnessed, and to honor the connection between past and future that we celebrate today.

This work is meant to be a symbol of the contemporaneity in which we live.

Today, more than ever, I am proud to be one of the protagonists of your celebration, and I am certain that another piece will be added to the education of my children — a piece that represents value and glory, which are too often lost in the hyper-speed of communication among the young, who are and will be our future.

Having my family by my side makes this moment even more precious, for the profound meaning it holds for me: a seal that marks the commitment of these years, the seriousness and perseverance, the desire to improve, and the dedication to my work — all inseparable from my being, Stefano Bressani.

I would like to thank Colonel Marco Margutti, Commander of the 185th RRAO, and Honorable Paola Chiesa, leader of the Defense Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, for giving me the opportunity to express the essence of my sensitivity toward your beauty — a beauty that lies hidden within the many challenges of your mission.

From today, my work will be displayed in the Hall of Memories of the Caserma Carlo Pisacane — your home — and I hope it can represent a shared goal: this portrait that I dedicate to you.

Thank you.