

### **José Augusto Crepaldi Affonso, Air Force Lieutenant-Brigadier (Retired)**

A native of São Paulo, SP, he joined the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) in 1978 through the Air Cadets Preparatory School (EPCAR), graduating from the Air Force Academy (AFA) in 1984 as an Officer-Aviator. Over his 44-year career, he held prominent positions in various military and governmental organizations.

He served as a flight instructor and cadet instructor at the AFA, Flight Safety Officer, and Division Chief at the Air Space Control Institute (ICEA), working in education, air traffic, and international relations. At the Coordinating Committee for the Combat Aircraft Program (COPAC), he served as President, Division Chief, and Manager of the F-X2 Project, conducting negotiations for multi-billion dollar contracts with domestic and foreign companies, in addition to implementing the Internal Control Advisory.

He headed the Department of Defense Products (DEPROD/MD), which is responsible for the Defense Products Procurement Policy, involving intense interagency dialogue. He served as Chief of Staff of the General Support Command, managing a USD 280 million budget for the maintenance and supply of the FAB fleet, and as Secretary of Economy, Finance, and Administration of the Air Force (SEFA), responsible for the Force's financial and administrative regulations and budget execution.

Retired since March 2022, he has accumulated 4,200 flight hours and remains active in sport aviation. He holds a degree in Law, with a specialization in Public Law, and an MBA from the Fluminense Federal University.