



## Lieutenant General José Antonio Agüero Martínez Commander of the Operations Command

Lieutenant General Jose Antonio Agüero Martínez was born in the region of Toledo in December 1963.

He joined the Army in 1981, graduating from the Military Academy in Zaragoza as an Infantry Officer in 1986. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in November 2022. He is currently Commander of the Operations Command since July 2024.

Throughout his military career, he has been assigned mainly to three Units: 11 years in the Airborne Brigade serving as Commander of Platoon, Company and Battalion; 6 years in the Headquarters of the current Castillejos Division as Analyst Commander of G2, Lieutenant Colonel Commander of G1 and Colonel Chief of Defence, and 10 years in the High Readiness Force Headquarters and of the Headquarter NRCD ESP, both located in the region of Valencia,

where he was appointed as Commander of G7, Deputy Colonel of DCOS OPS, Brigadier General DCOS PLANS and Major General Chief of Defence.

In addition to these appointments, General Agüero has also served in the Infantry Academy (Toledo), within the Department of Officer Instruction and Training, and in the Directorate of Military Personnel of the Army, as Chief of the Department of Officer Guidance.

He has been deployed to international missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (both in UNPROFOR and in IFOR), and Afghanistan (in the ISAF Headquarter and as Chief of an Afghan Corps Mentor Team). Moreover, he commanded the NATO Mission in Iraq from May 2023 to May 2024.

Among the courses completed by General Agüero, the most relevant to be highlighted are those of Special Operations, Parachute Manual Release, and Defence Staff of Spain and of the UK. Furthermore, he holds the Master's Degree in Defence Studies from King's College London.

### Civil and military courses

Armed Forces of Defence Staff Diploma.  
Defence Staff Diploma in the UK.  
Master's Degree in Defence Studies from King's College London.  
Special Operations Course.  
Parachute Manual Release Course.

### Most significant decorations

Grand Cross of the Military Merit with white distinction.  
Cross of the Military Merit with white distinction.  
Grand Cross, Badge, Commendation and Cross of the Royal Military Order of St. Hermenegildo.  
Silver Cross of the Merit Order of Guardia Civil.  
Cross of Police Merit with white distinction.  
Non-Article 5 ISAF NATO Medal  
Non-Article 5 NATO MISSION IRAQ NATO Medal  
Former Yugoslavia NATO Medal  
Serge Lazareff Prize Category NATO Medal  
UNPROFOR UN Medal  
FIGAL Military Campaign Medal  
Liberator of Chile Bernardo O'Higgins Cross  
St. George Cross, I Class (Portugal)

Languages: English (SLP 4.4.4.4) and French (SLP 4.4.4.4)

### Biographical data:

Lieutenant General José Antonio Agüero Martinez is single.

