



**CURRICULUM VITAE  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL (CGET)**

**CARLOS PALACIOS ZAFORTEZA**

He was born in Palma de Mallorca in 1959, he is married and has three daughters. He is part of the 37<sup>th</sup> class of the General Military Academy and he received his commission as infantry lieutenant in 1982. Among his assignments, the 61st Armoured Regiment 'Alcázar de Toledo' as lieutenant; as captain, the Military Police, Madrid region, as commander of its company; and later, also as captain, as commander of a tank Company of the 61st Armoured Regiment 'Alcázar de Toledo'.

In 1994 he was promoted to major and once he obtained his General Staff diploma he joined the Weapons Systems Directorate of the Logistic Support Command, later being assigned to the General Staff of the 12th Armoured Brigade.

He held a position in the Planning Division of the NATO Headquarters in Naples during three years. Upon his return to Spain, as Lieutenant Colonel, he was assigned to the NATO Land Component Command in Retamares (Madrid); later he assumed the post of Chief of Staff of the 12th Armoured Brigade. Afterwards he was assigned to the Logistics Division of the Army General Staff, until his promotion to Colonel, then obtaining the command of the 31st Mechanized Infantry Regiment 'Asturias'.

After his promotion to Brigadier General, he was appointed head of the Logistics Division of the Army General Staff. Upon earning the rank of Major General, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Land Force, where he remained until his promotion to Lieutenant General and appointed General Commander of the Canary Islands Command.

He has been part of several international missions with the UN in Central America, with NATO in Bosnia and Kosovo and with the EU in Macedonia.

Among the military courses he has taken are those of General Staff, National Defence, Advanced Logistics Management, NATO Operational Planning, NATO Crisis Management and NATO CIMIC.

He speaks English and French.

He has been decorated with the all categories of the Order of "San Hermenegildo", several Crosses of Military Merit with a white distinctive, the Silver Cross of the Order of Merit of the "Guardia Civil", the Officer's Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, the United Nations Medal, the NATO Medal (former Yugoslavia), the NATO Medal (Kosovo), and the Common Security and Defence Policy Service Medal.