



Brigadier General Manuel de la Chica Camúñez, Head of the Cabinet Office for the Chief of Defence Staff

Brigadier General de la Chica joined the Air Force in 1984 and was promoted to Lieutenant on 10 July 1989. He was subsequently promoted to Captain in 1992, Major in 2001, Lieutenant Colonel in 2009, Colonel in 2016 and Brigadier General in 2021.

He is a Fighter pilot with 3800 flight hours and among his assignments stands out the 11th Wing, where he commanded the 111th and 113th Air Force squadrons, the 12th Wing where he took part in many occasions as a member of the Icaro Detachment in air missions over Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo. He also served at the Air Force Academy as flight instructor.

Among his overseas missions, in addition to those carried out in the Balkans, he has been deployed to Afghanistan at the Forward Operating Base in Herat where he served as Head of Plans and Operations Section.

Besides his assignments in flying units, he has been posted in the Air Force Staff Headquarters within the Plans Division. Likewise, his career in the joint field includes a three-year assignment at the Operations Command in the Plans Section (J5) and previously he served as an analyst at the Joint Air Power Competence Centre (JAPCC) in Kalkar, Germany, within the Combat Support Operations section.

His language skill is SLP 4.4.4.4. in english.

Between July 2019 and July 2021 he held the position of Director of the Air Force Academy and Head of the San Javier Air Base. Since October 14, 2021 he has held the position of Head of the Cabinet office for the Chief of Defense Staff.

Civil and military courses

Spanish Armed Forces Staff Course.

NATO Defence College Regional Cooperation Course NATO.

NATO Advanced Electronic Warfare.

Fighter pilot Course.

Most significant awards

Royal San Hermenegildo Military Order.

Aeronautical Merit Cross with blue ribbon.

Military Merit Cross.

Republic of South Korea Air Force Medal Award.

Biographical data

He was born in Granada on April 9th, 1967. He is married and has five children.

