



Brigadier General Fco. Javier Vidal Fernández, DCOS OPS SP Joint Operational Command

Brigadier General Fco. Javier Vidal Fernández was born in Barcelona in 1965, joined the Spanish Air Force in 1984 and was promoted First Lieutenant in 1989.

Promoted to Captain in 1992, to Mayor in 2000, to Lieutenant Colonel in 2009 and Colonel in 2016. Afterwards, in December 2020 he was appointed Brigadier General.

Throughout his military career he has been in different assignments: flight instructor in the Air Force Academy (San Javier, Murcia), F-18 pilot in the 15th Wing (Zaragoza) and in the 12th Wing (Torrejón de Ardoz), tactical instructor in the Tactical Leadership Program TLP (Belgium), analyst in the Plans Division at

the Air Force Staff and in the Joint Operations Command and counselor at the Cabinet of the Defense Ministry.

As a Colonel, he was first posted as Chief of the Air Operations Section, in the Operations Division at the Air Force Staff; and later he was appointed as a Commander of the Talavera Air Base and 23th Wing.

General Vidal has participated in the following international missions: Bosnia (IFOR and SFOR), Kosovo (KFOR), Chad (EUFOR Chad/RCA), Libya (OUP) and Afghanistan (ISAF).

In December 2020 he was appointed DCOS Operations in the Joint Operations Command Spain.

Civil and military courses

General Staff Course

NATO Defence College

Program for leadership to public manage. IESE Business School

S.L.P. 4.4.4.4. (Permanent)

Mayor awards and decoration

Great Cross of Aeronautical Merit (6)

Cross of Military Merit

Cross of Navy Merit

Royal and Military San Hermenegildo Order

Commission of the Order of Civil Merit

Biographical data

General Vidal is married and has two sons.

