



Major General Rafael García Henández, Commander of the Spanish Cyberspace Command

MG Garcia Hernández was born in Granada, June 27TH 1959, and graduated from the Spanish Air Force Academy in 1983.

Upon his graduation as First Lieutenant in July 1983, he was assigned to the 78TH Wing and two years later to the Air Force Academy. He was promoted to Captain in 1986 serving in the Security and Defence Training Centre as instructor, including military training in NBC defence.

In 1989 he took the basic language instructor course in Texas (USA) and the Intercept Controller Course. He performed duties as intercept controller in the Command and Reporting Centre (CRC Torrejón Air Force Base) during three years, including the English language air weapons training.

In March 1994 he was promoted to Major and assigned to the Cabinet of the Air Force Chief of Staff and later to

the Intelligence Division, International Relations Section.

In 1998 he was assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Communications and Information Division, where he worked for three years in the Air Command and Control System (ACCS) programme.

At the end of this tour, in August 2001, he was promoted to LTcol and assigned back to the CRC Torrejón as Chief of Operations.

In July 2004, he was appointed Air Attaché to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. After the completion of his 3 years tour, he returned to Spain as Staff Officer in the Air Combat Command where he took a four months tour in Afganisthan and also participated in the operation Unified Protector as senior rep to the JFACC at Poggio Renatico. He is promoted to Colonel in July of the same year

He was promoted to Colonel in July 2011 and designated Commander of the ARS Torrejon in November 2012.

In november 2016 was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as Commander of the Air Force

In June 2018 is promoted to Major General and in July 30TH is appointed as Commander of the ESP Cyberdefence Command

In August 2020 is appointed as Commander of the ESP Cyberspace Command

Civilian and Military Courses

Staff Course
National Defense Course
Intercept Controller Course

Most Relevant Rewards

Gran Cruz del Mérito Aeronáutico
Gran Cruz de la Orden de San Hermenegildo
Medalla de Plata de la Defensa Nacional de Francia

Biographical Data

The Major General García Hernández is a widower and he has three children.

