



# Francisco Braco Carbó

**Lieutenant General (ESP-Air Force)**

**Commander**

**Operations Command Spain (MOPS)**

General Braco joined the Air Force in 1978 and graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1983. He was promoted to Captain in 1986, to Major in 1994, to Lieutenant Colonel in 2001, to Colonel in 2011, to Brigadier General in 2015 and to Major General in 2017.

Along his career, he has been posted at the 31st Air Transport Wing, Headquarters of the Air Combat Command, Military Department of the Royal Household and the 45<sup>th</sup> VIP Air Group – who later commanded as Colonel. On completion of his command as Colonel, he was assigned to the Operations Command (MOPS) as Head of Logistics Branch (J4). Once he was promoted to Brigadier General, he took charge as Deputy Chief of Staff Support (DCOS-Support). Thereafter, as Major General, he became MOPS Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, responsible for the planning and the conduction of the military operations.

General Braco has significant operations experience. He served as Pilot Commander and Squadron Commander in United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), Deny Flight, UNPROFOR, Decisive Endeavour, Deliberate Guard, Deliberate Force and Allied Force. Along these missions and operations, he has logged more than 9.000 flight hours in C-130, Falcon 900 and Airbus 310 aircraft.

Along his career he has completed numerous courses, such as Transport Pilot, Basic and Advance Navigator in United States of America, Staff Course, High International Studies, Master's Degree in Security and Defense, Generals Flag Officers and Ambassador Course and the Course of National Defense.

He has been awarded with the Great Air Meritorious Cross; Great Cross, Plate, Commendation and Cross of the Royal and Military Order of San Hermenegildo's Royal and Military Order; Commendation of the Royal and Distinguished Order of Carlos III; Plate to the Merit of the Guardia Civil, Silver Category; Commission of the Order of the Civil Merit; Commission of the Order of Isabel The Catholic; Cross of the Air Meritorious with Blue badge; Cross of the Air Meritorious, Military Meritorious and Maritime Meritorious with white badge; NATO Medal; the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and is French Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, he is appointed as Commander of Operations Command (CMOPS).

The General Braco is married and is father of two sons, and also has a grandson.