



## VICE ADMIRAL ALFONSO DELGADO MORENO

### Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff in the Joint Operations Command.

Vice Admiral Alfonso Delgado Joined the Naval Academy in August 1982, and graduated as Lieutenant Junior Grade in July 1987.

He served on board several surface combatants: corvette ESPS “Infanta Cristina” and frigate ESPS “Extremadura”, where he took part in Operation SHARP GUARD (three deployments), an embargo operation of the former Yugoslavia. Furthermore, Vice Admiral Delgado served as 31st Escort Squadron Staff Officer, and in the CEVACO (Spanish Fleet Sea Training and Qualification Centre). He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1999.

In 2000 he completed the Joint Staff Course in Madrid and served at the Navy General Staff, both in CIS and Plans Divisions. He also served at the Strategy Division of the Armed Forces College. He was a member of the Military Strategic Permanent Group and a Naval War College cooperator.

Promoted to Commander in July 2007, he was assigned to the Military Chamber of HM the King house as Navy representative. In September 2011, he was assigned to the Joint Operations Command, as J3 Staff Officer. In May 2013, he acted as head of the Strategic Plans branch of the Navy General Staff, where he was promoted to Captain in July 2014.

As Captain, Vice Admiral Delgado assumed command as SPMARFOR (Spanish Navy High Readiness Forces (Maritime) Chief of Staff in December 9th 2014. In December 2016, he was appointed to Navy Directorate of Personnel as Chief of Human Resources branch.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral in September 21st 2018. From October 2018 to October 2021, he was assigned to Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples as ACOS J5 (Plans and Policy). From October 2021, he is the Director of Naval Education, in the Navy Directorate of Personnel. He was promoted to Vice Admiral in September 27st 2022 and he was assigned to Admiral of Spanish Navy Action Force/Commander Maritime Operations Command on October 3rd, 2022.

On December 9th, 2023, he was appointed Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff in the Joint Operations Command.

Vice Admiral Delgado commanded four Spanish Navy warships: the patrol boat ESPS “Espalmador” as Lieutenant Junior Grade, the minehunter ESPS “Tajo” as Lieutenant, the corvette ESPS “Infanta Elena” as Lieutenant Commander and the frigate ESPS “Victoria” as Commander. During this Command he participated in EU operation ATALANTA, conducting counter piracy operations from March to August 2010, and in NATO operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR.

### Civil and military courses

- Joint General Staff Course
- Tactical Action Officer.
- NATO Combined Joint Operation Center
- NATO Senior Officer Policy.
- NATO Staff Officer Orientation.
- Flag Level Combined Force Maritime Component
- NEDP-Strategic Thinking (Darden School, University of Virginia)
- Operational Planning.
- Promotion Course to Admiral.

### Most relevant decorations

Five Naval Merit Crosses  
The Military Merit Cross  
The Guardia Civil Merit Silver Cross  
The NATO Medal (Operation SHARP GUARD),  
The UEO and EU medals (Operation ATALANTA)  
The Saint Hermenegildo Order awards  
The France National Defence Gold Award  
The Civilian Merit Award.

### Biographical data

Vice Admiral Delgado is from Cartagena, he is married with María Soledad Fernández-Valdés and has four children. He enjoys sailing in his boat with his family and friends, reading, running and playing golf.

