



B.G, 'CIM' Juan Martínez-Merello Díaz de Miranda, Director of the CHOD's Technical Cabinet

Brigadier General Juan Martínez-Merello Díaz de Miranda was born in Madrid in 1966. He joined the Spanish Navy in 1987 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1992. He holds the Defence Staff Diploma, is specialist in Tactical Communications and has Communications and Amphibious Operations capabilities.

He has been Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the 3rd Mechanised Landing Battalion ("BDMZ-III"), Captain and Commander of the 7th Rifle Company and of the Staff and Services Company of the 2nd Landing Battalion as well as in the Company of Security of the Naval Station Rota. He has also been Chief of Staff and Logistics of the Second Battalion of the "Tercio de Armada" ("TEAR").

As Commander, he was assigned as instructor, Head of the Communications Department at the Albacete and Fuster General Marine Corps Academy ("EIMGAF").

As Commander and Lieutenant Colonel, in his several assignments in the Defence Staff, he has served as Organic Plan officer of the Navy General Staff, Chief of the Future Operations in the Spanish-Italian Amphibious Battlegroup in Brindisi (Italy), Chief of the Logistics and Operations Sections of the Navy General Staff of the TEAR, Fleet Plan officer, Strategic Plan officer of the Joint Staff ("EMACON"), Operation Commander in the High Readiness Force (Maritime) Headquarters in Rota, and has also been stationed in the Doctrine Section of the Navy's Personnel Directorate ("DIPER").

As Colonel, he has been Chief of the Staff Section (J-1) of the Operations Command ("MOPS"), Colonel, Deputy of the Marine Corps Brigade ("SECOMTEAR") and Chief of the Doctrine Section of the DIPER.

On 1 August 2024, he was promoted to Commodore and appointed Director of the CHOD's Technical Cabinet.

He has completed a wide range of national and international courses (Operational Planning, Advanced Air Traffic Controller, NATO Expeditionary Logistics Course, NATO C-IED Staff Orientation Awareness Course and NATO Crisis Management Course) and is officially certified in English and French.

Regarding operations, he has participated in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the EU ECOMY mission in 1997, the NATO SFOR mission in 1999, the UN MINUSTAH operation in Haiti in 2004, and in the EU Planning and Liaison Cell ("EULPC-Lybia") in Tunisia in 2017.

Civil and military courses

Armed Forces of Defence Staff Diploma
Operational Planning
Tactical Communications
C-IED.-Nato Operational C-IED staff
Advanced Air Traffic Controller course

Most significant decorations

Grand Cross of Naval Merit (white distinction)
Plaque of the Royal and Military Order of St. Hermenegildo
Cross of Military Merit
NATO Medal for Former Yugoslavia
European Community Monitor Mission Medal

Languages: English (SLP 4.3.3.4). French (SLP 4.4.4.4).

Biographical data:

He is married and is father of two daughters.

