



Vice Admiral Vicente Cuquerella Gamboa, Commander of the Maritime Operational Command

Vice Admiral Vicente Cuquerella Gamboa of the Spanish Navy's General Corps has served as Admiral of Maritime Action and Commander of the Maritime Operational Command since 29 September 2025.

He entered the Naval Academy in 1986 and was commissioned as a lieutenant junior grade in 1991.

After completing the Aircraft Pilot specialization, he served in the Navy's 8th and 9th Aircraft Squadrons. He was later posted to the aircraft carrier "Príncipe de Asturias", the 21st Escort Squadron, the corvette "Vencedora", and the Personnel Management Sub-directorate within the Navy's Personnel Headquarters. He has also served at the Allied Joint Force Command Naples, at the Ministry of Defence's General Sub-directorate for International Relations, in the Plans Division of the Navy General Staff, and as Chief of Staff to the Admiral Chief of the Navy.

He has commanded the minesweeper "Genil", the minehunter "Turia", the frigate "Navarra", and the amphibious assault ship "Castilla".

He has completed, among other courses, the Staff Course in the United Kingdom, a Master's Degree in Defence Studies at King's College London, and the High-Level Course at the European Security and Defence College.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral on 25 July 2022 and to Vice Admiral on 1 October 2024. During this period, he served as National Military Representative to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and as advisor to the Admiral Chief of the Navy General Staff.

He has taken part in various international operations including the Liberation of Kuwait; Operation Unified Protector in Libya; Operations Active Endeavour and Sea Guardian in the Mediterranean Sea; and the European Union's Operations Sophia and Atalanta in the Central Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, respectively.

Civilian and Military Courses

Naval Aircraft Pilot

Staff Course in the United Kingdom

Master's Degree in Defence Studies, King's College London

High-Level Course, European Security and Defence College

Most Relevant Awards

Grand Cross of the Royal and Military Order of Saint Hermenegild

Grand Cross of Naval Merit (White Distinction)

Five Crosses of Naval Merit (White Distinction)

Cross of Aeronautical Merit (White Distinction)

Cross of Guardia Civil Merit (White Distinction)

Biographical Information

Vice Admiral Vicente Cuquerella was born in Madrid in 1967. He is married to Montse and has seven children.

