



Major General Isaac Manuel Crespo Zaragoza, Chief of the Space Command

Major General Crespo received the rank of Lieutenant in July 1988 after completing his training in the 40th Promotion at the General Air Academy. After completing the 75th Fighter and Attack course with the highest rank in his class, he was assigned to the 23rd Wing where he served as a flight instructor.

Major General Crespo is a Fighter and Attack pilot with more than 2,700 flying hours, including more than 900 in the F-5B, more than 1,100 in the EF-18 and more than 300 in the EF-2000. Among his destinations, the 15th Wing stands out; he served there for almost seven years, completing the TLP (Tactical Leadership Programme) course and where he was a flight tester, Chief of Operations of 152 Squadron. Between 1994 and 1999, he flew 73 war missions in various operations over the Balkans, totalling more than 230 flying hours, for which he has the Valour recognized.

As Commander, he was assigned to the Air Force Staff Plans Division, where he contributed to the definition of the C.15 mid-life update (MLU) and to the selection of the Taurus cruise missile within the "Remotely Launched Weapon" programme. He was also stationed at the Logistics Support Command in the Eurofighter Programme Office of the Systems Directorate. Subsequently, he was assigned to the 11th Wing, where he carried out the first flight of the operational conversion of the EA to EF2000 in CE.16-01 at the Airbus facilities in Getafe. He was a flight instructor and the first Air Force Squadron Leader of C.16 (113 Squadron) from 2003 to 2005. He then became flight tester and C.16 Specific Maintenance Squadron Leader from 2005 to 2007. In August 2008, he was assigned to the Defence Staff, specifically to the Operations Command, where he participated in the preparation of the Operational Plans for operations Afghanistan Reconstruction, Atalanta, and counter-piracy in the Indian Ocean. After being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he went on to serve in the NETMA agency, and on his return he was assigned to the Air Force General Staff, Plans Division.

In the rank of Colonel, he remains assigned to the Air Force General Staff as Head of the Programmes Section of the Plans Division and between July 2018 and July 2020, he is in charge of the Unit as Head of the 15th Wing and Military Air Commander of Vitoria Airport.

As a Brigadier General, he is assigned to the Air Force General Staff, where he is appointed Chief of Cabinet to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chief of Staff of the Space Command.

In February 2024, he was promoted to the rank of Major General. He was appointed Head of the Space Command in accordance with RD 152/2024 of 6 February.

He has the permanent SLP 4.4.4.4 in English language.

Civilian and military courses

Army General Staff Course
Pedagogical Training Diploma
DGAM Programme Management Course
Combined Joint Operations Centre Course
Fighter and Attack Course
Tactical Leadership Programme Course

Relevant commendations and awards

Plate, Grand Cross and Cross of the Royal and Military Order of San Hermenegildo
Grand Cross of Aeronautical Merit with blue badge
Four Air Merit Crosses with white badge
NATO Article 5 Medal, ISAF
US ARMY Achievement Medal (Afghanistan)
NATO Medal Balkans

Biographical data

Major General Crespo Zaragoza was born in Alicante on April 9, 1965. He is married and has two sons.

