



Vice Admiral Javier ROCA RIVERO, Commander of Joint Cyberspace Command (MCCE)

Vice Admiral Javier ROCA was born on November 23, 1966 in Seville and entered the Naval Military School at the age of 18, being promoted to the position of Naval Lieutenant on July 16, 1990.

He was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant in 1994, Lieutenant Commander in 2002, Frigate Captain in 2011 and Ship Captain in 2016. In September 2020 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and in November 2023 to Vice Admiral.

Graduated in the General Staff of the Armed Forces and in Social Communication, he has achieved the specialties of Naval Aircraft Pilot and Systems Analyst, and the skills of Human Resources and Pedagogy. He completed the General Staff course in CHILE (2003), a Master of International Security at the US Naval War College (2019) and the first International Capstone Course (ICC) for General Officers in FRANCE (2023). He also completed a Master's degree in "Peace, Security and Defense" and is a university expert in "Humanitarian Aid and Cooperation".

He holds the civil titles of yacht captain and private airplane and helicopter pilot. He has traveled around the world aboard the training ship "*J.S. Elcano*" and is the author of the book "*Proa al Sur*", which tells the daily chronicle of the 2006-2007 Antarctic campaign aboard the oceanographic research vessel "*Las Palmas*", of which he was its Commander.

Among his embarked destinations, the Command of three Navy ships ("*Mar Caribe*", "*Las Palmas*" and "*Cantabria*") and the "*10th Aircraft Squadron*" stand out, flying the SH-60 helicopter for more than a decade in numerous operations aboard Navy frigates. He was also Commander of the units of the Maritime Action Force in Cartagena (COMARCART) and Naval Commander of Cartagena.

He has been posted in ITALY at the headquarters of the NATO Naval Projection Force (STRIKFORNATO), and his assignments on land include those of technical advisor in the General Directorate of Personnel (DIGENPER), in the Personnel Headquarters of the Navy (JEPER), and in the General Staff of the Navy (EMA), where he was Head of the Information and Knowledge Management Section, in charge of leading the Digital Transformation of the Navy.

In November 2023, after more than 3 years as its 2nd Commander, he was appointed Commander of the Joint Cyberspace Command (MCCE), responsible for the direction, coordination, control and execution of actions leading to ensuring freedom of action of the Armed Forces in cyberspace.

Military and Civilian courses

- General Staff (CHILE and SPAIN).
- Master degree "International Security" (USA).
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- Navy Aircraft Pilot (USA)
- Master degree "Peace, Security and Defense".
- University Expert in "Assistance in Humanitarian Cooperation".

Most remarkable military awards and decorations:

- Grand Cross of San Hermenegildo Military Order.
- Commander of Civilian Merit Order.
- Silver Cross of the Guardia Civil.
- National Police Merit Cross.
- Grand Cross and six Merit Crosses of Naval Merit
- Military Merit Cross.
- NATO and EU Medals.
- Minerva Medal – Republic of Chile.
- Four Medals in Peace Keeping Missions.
- BALMIS Medal.

