

C.V. OF MAJOR GENERAL RAFAEL GARCIA HERNÁNDEZ (ESP AF)



MG GARCIA HERNANDEZ WAS BORN IN GRANADA, JUNE 27th 1959, AND GRADUATED FROM THE SPANISH AIR FORCE ACADEMY IN 1983.

UPON HIS GRADUATION AS FIRST LIEUTENANT, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 78th WING AND TWO YEARS LATER TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN 1986 SERVING IN THE SECURITY AND DEFENCE TRAINING CENTRE AS INSTRUCTOR, INCLUDING MILITARY TRAINING IN NBC DEFENCE.

IN 1989 HE TOOK THE BASIC LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR COURSE IN TEXAS (USA) AND THE INTERCEPT CONTROLLER COURSE. HE

PERFORMED DUTIES AS INTERCEPT CONTROLLER IN THE COMMAND AND REPORTING CENTRE (CRC, TORREJÓN AIR FORCE BASE) DURING THREE YEARS, INCLUDING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AIR WEAPONS TRAINING.

HIS FURTHER MILITARY EDUCATION INCLUDES ATTENDANCE TO THE AIR FORCE STAFF SCHOOL (STAFF COURSE) AND THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SEMINAR "COOPERATIVE LINK 4" IN AFSOUTH.

IN MARCH 1994 HE WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR AND ASSIGNED TO THE CABINET OF THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF AND LATER TO THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION.

IN 1998 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED POWERS EUROPE (SHAPE), COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION DIVISION, WHERE HE WORKED FOR THREE YEARS IN THE AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (ACCS) PROGRAMME.

AT THE END OF THIS TOUR, IN AUGUST 2001, HE WAS PROMOTED TO LTCOL AND ASSIGNED BACK TO THE CRC TORREJÓN AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS.

IN JULY 2004, HE WAS APPOINTED AIR ATTACHÉ TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS 3 YEARS TOUR, HE RETURNED TO SPAIN AS STAFF OFFICER IN THE AIR COMBAT COMMAND WHERE HE TOOK A FOUR MONTHS TOUR IN AFGANISTHAN AND ALSO

PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION UNIFIED PROTECTOR AS SENIOR REP TO THE JFACC AT POGGIO RENATICO.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN JULY 2011 AND DESIGNATED COMMANDER OF THE ARS TORREJON IN NOVEMBER 2012. UPON FINISHING HIS COMMAND TOUR IN 2014 HE RETURNED TO THE AIR COMBAT COMMAND. IN JULY 2015 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT STAFF.

IN NOVEMBER 2016 WAS PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL AND ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE C2 DIRECTORATE.

IN JUNE 2018 IS PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL AND IN JULY 30th IS APOINTED AS COMMANDER OF THE ESP CYBERDEFENCE COMMAND.

MG GARCIA HERNANDEZ HAS THE NEXT SLP's:

ENGLISH: 4444

FRENCH: 2222

HIS MILITARY AWARDS INCLUDE:

GRAN CRUZ DEL MÉRITO AERONÁUTICO

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CRUZ DEL MERITO MILITAR

GRAN CRUZ, CRUZ, ENCOMIENDA & PLACA, ORDEN DE SAN

HERMENEGILDO

NATO MEDAL (3)

FRENCH DEFENCE MEDAL (SILVER)

CRUZ MÉRITO GUARDIA CIVIL

LITHUANIAN DITINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL