



## Vice Admiral Enrique Núñez de Prado Aparicio

### Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff Spain Operations Command

Vice Admiral Enrique Núñez de Prado was born in Pontevedra in 1967. He entered the Naval Academy in 1985, receiving his commission as Ensign in 1990.

As an officer, he served on the corvette *Descubierta*, the patrol vessel *Cormorán*, the landing ship *Hernán Cortés*, and the frigate *Baleares*. He also served as Orders Officer for the 31st Escort Squadron.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 2002, he worked as an Electronic Warfare instructor at the “Antonio de Escaño” School (Ferrol) and completed the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ASCS-7) in the United Kingdom. He later held posts in the General Secretariat of the Spanish Navy Staff (EMA), the Office of the Chief of Naval Staff, and later as Head of Training at the Naval Academy.

He was promoted to Commander in 2011, being assigned to the EUROMARFOR Permanent Cell in Toulon (France). Subsequently, he served in the Strategic Plans Section of the Plans Division of the Navy Staff.

He was promoted to Captain in 2016, during which rank he served as Chief of Staff to the Chief of the Spanish Navy.

He has commanded five warships: the patrol vessel *Toralla* as Ensign, the patrol vessel *Bergantín* as Lieutenant, the minesweeper *Duero* as Lieutenant Commander, the frigate *Cristóbal Colón* as Commander, and the amphibious ship *Castilla* as Captain.

In September 2020, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and appointed Admiral Chief of Naval Information and Telecommunications Systems. In 2022, he was designated Admiral Secretary General of the Navy Staff. In May 2023, he was promoted to Vice Admiral and appointed Admiral Chief of the Plans Division of the Navy Staff.

He has taken part in several NATO operations, such as *Ocean Shield* (counter-piracy in the Indian Ocean), *Active Endeavour* (counter-terrorism in the Mediterranean Sea), and in the Standing Naval Maritime Group 2 (SNMG-2) and Standing Naval Force Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT). He has also participated in numerous national, NATO, and EU exercises.

On June 5, 2025, he was appointed Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Operations Command, a position he currently holds.

He is married with Ana Franco Suances and they have 12 children

### Civilian and Military Courses

Armed Forces Staff Diploma  
National Defense Monograph  
Industrial Engineer  
Master's Degree in Defense Studies,  
King's College London  
Tactical Action Officer  
Electronics Specialization  
Pedagogical Aptitude for Officers  
Defense Protocol  
Languages: English (SLP 4.4.4.4)

### Most Notable Awards

Gran Cruz Mérito Naval Distintivo Blanco  
Gran cruz de la Real y Militar Orden de S.H  
Cruz del Mérito facultativo Naval (México)  
Medalla de la Otan-África  
Liberación de Kuwait  
Balmis

