



Lieutenant General Francisco Javier Fernández Sánchez, Spanish Military Representative to NATO and EU Military Committees.

Lieutenant General F.Javier Fernández joined the Spanish Air Force in 1976 and belongs to the 34th graduating class of the Spanish Air Force Academy. In July 1982 he obtained his commission as a Lieutenant.

He has been promoted to the ranks of Captain (1985), Major (1991), Lieutenant Colonel (2000), Colonel (2009), Brigadier General (2012), Major General (2015) and Lieutenant General (2017).

During his career, and among his destinations in the Spanish Air Force, he served at the 14th Wing, Albacete AB; at the Spanish Air Staff Plans Division; at the Spanish Air Chief Executive Office; and at the Logistics and Support Command. He has flown more than 3.000 flying hours, mainly in fighter aircraft such as Mirage F1 and Eurofighter.

He took part in the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR) as Air Liaison Officer at the Air Operation Coordination Centre, ARRC Main HQ (Sarajevo) and he developed a high experience in NATO after his two assignments at the Operations Division, Allied Command for Operations, HQ SHAPE, Belgium; and at the Education and Training Branch in the Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT), Norfolk (USA).

In July 2009 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and assumed command of the 11th Wing and Moron Air Base, Spain, where he flew the Eurofighter and the P-3 Orion.

Promoted to Brigadier General he was appointed as Deputy Chief of the Canary Islands Air Command. When he was promoted to Major General, he was assigned to the Logistics and Support Command and after this he was appointed as Chief of Technical Services, Communication and Information Systems of the Spanish Air Force.

Upon his promotion to Lieutenant General, he was appointed as Vice Chief of Staff of the Spanish Air Force.

He was designated Military Representative to NATO and European Union Military Committees in June 2021 taking over this position as at 1st September 2021.

Military Courses

Air Staff Course
ACE Command and Control Course
NATO Air Campaign Planning Course
Flight Safety Officer
Electronic Warfare Officer
Fighter and Attack Pbt

Awards and medals

Great Cross of Royal and Military Order of Saint Hermenegildo
Great Cross of Aeronautical Merit
Great Cross of the Order of Merit of Guardia Civil
Officier National Order of Merit (France)
Meritorious Service Medal (USA)
Cross of the Police Order of Merit
Air Force Medal (Chile).

Biographic Data:

He was born in Madrid on 7th October 1959. He is married to Cristina Chalud and they have two daughters and one son.

