



ALLIED AIR COMMAND



BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL RUBEN C. GARCÍA SERVERT Commander Combined Air Operation Centre Torrejón

Lieutenant General Servert is the Commander of NATO's Combined Air Operation Centre at Torrejón Air Base, Spain.

Born on 18th April 1958 in Madrid, he joined the Air Force Academy in 1975 and his first assignment was the 31st Wing at Zaragoza, where he served as a Pilot in the period from 1981 to 1985. He continued to serve in different Air Force Units until 1995, when he was assigned to the Air Warfare School as Head of Strategy & International Affairs Department.

In 1996, he became Air Attaché to the Embassy of Spain in Paris; then in 1999 he was assigned to the Cabinet of the Minister of Defense as Counselor. Later on, in 2005, he was nominated Commandant of the Air Force Academy.



In the period 2009-2010, he was the Commander of Kabul Airport (Afghanistan). Once promoted to Brigadier General, he was assigned to the Air Force Staff – General Secretary as Chief of International Affairs, until he was promoted to Major General in late 2012 and reached his current assignment as Commander CAOC TJ in early 2013.

During his career, he has joined different NATO/UN Operations as aircrew: KFOR, ONUSAL, ONUCA and UNPROFOR (ex-Yugoslavia), and got over 6000 flying hours as a pilot. His military education includes Navigator Course (Initial and Advanced) USAF, Defense Attachés Course, NATO TACEVAL Evaluator, NATO Defense College and Flag Officers Course. He speaks fluently English, French and German languages.

He has been awarded the Great Cross of the Royal and Military Order of San Hermenegildo, Great Cross of the Air Force Merit, Cross of Naval Merit, Cross of the Guardia Civil Merit as well as foreign decorations: Knight of the Legion d'Honneur of France, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Santos-Dumont Merit Medal of Brazilian Air Force.

Lieutenant General Servert is the author of several articles and papers: IEEE Opinion Paper no. 3/2010, "An Insight of Afghanistan: A Chronicle of Spanish Leadership in Kabul Airport", and "NATO Strategic Concept, a Spanish point of view", among other; and achieved the Bachelors & Masters Degrees in Laws and Political Sciences.

He is married and has 2 sons and 2 daughters.

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