



The Navy League of the United States, Madrid Council

**JUNE DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Hotel InterContinental, Madrid**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018 - 2000 Hours**

All attendees must RSVP to [rsvp@nlmadrid.org](mailto:rsvp@nlmadrid.org) by Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Navy League resident members: No Charge. Non-resident members or Guests: € 60.

The Navy League is extremely pleased to welcome to our podium

**Almirante Francisco Javier González-Huix Fernández**

**Chief of Staff at the Defence Joint Staff (JEMACON)**



**"España y la OTAN"**

Born in Barcelona on January 2nd 1957. Admitted in the Naval Academy in August 1975 and commissioned as Lieutenant Junior Grade in July 1980. Promoted to Lieutenant in July 1983, to Lieutenant Commander in May 1992, to Commander in December 1999, to Captain in July 2006, to Rear Admiral in August 2010, to Vice

Admiral in June 2014 and Admiral on the 1st of June 2017.

Graduate from the Spanish Naval War College in July 1995 and from the 97 Senior Course of NATO Defence College in February 2001. In 2012 he completed the NATO Senior Officers Policy Course, at the NATO School Oberammergau and graduated from the Generals, Flag Officers and Ambassadors Course of the NATO Defence College.

Afloat commissioned to Frigate "Extremadura" and Corvette "Diana". Operations Officer on board Submarines "Delfin" and "Mistral" and Chief of Staff of the 31st Escorts Squadron. Also Executive Officer of FPB "Recalde" and Submarine "Tramontana".

Commanding Officer of Minesweeper "Odiel" from 1990 to 1991, Submarine "Tramontana" from 1997 to 1999, Frigate "Santa María" from 2003 to 2004, where he deployed to Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf during five months for Operation Enduring Freedom, and Submarine Flotilla from 2007 to 2009.

He was Chief of Staff to COMSTANAVFORMED between 2002 and 2003 during Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR in the Mediterranean and assigned to the SP HRF (M) HQ as Chief of Staff in November 2005 until November 2007, where he was in charge for the preparation and certifications for NRF cycles 7 and 8.

From September 2011 to March 2013 he held the position of DCOS OPERATIONS at HQ MC NAPLES, Italy, and during his tenure he was designated DCOS OPS CTF 455 for Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR (Libya).

From May 2013 to July 2016, he was Deputy Chief of Staff Joint Force Trainer at Supreme Allied Command of Transformation (SACT) in Norfolk (USA).

From June 2017, he is the Chief of Staff at the Defence Joint Staff.

His land assignments have been Chief of the Navy Radio Station, Technical Adviser in the Cabinet of the Under- Secretary of Defence, Current Ops Officer at the Joint Staff in Madrid, Liaison Officer (Maritime Ops and Intel) at USCENTCOM (Tampa, Florida), Chief of the Policy Section at the Personnel Directorate and Head of Operations Division in the Spanish Navy Staff.

He has been awarded the Grand Naval Merit Cross, five times awarded with the Naval Merit Cross, the Navy Prize of Uruguay, the Army Merit Cross, the NATO Medals (article 5 and non-article 5) and the Silver Defence Medal of the French Republic.

Married to María Cristina, has got three children aged 35, 30 and 25. His interests are history, reading, hunting (both small and big game) and fishing.

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