



The Navy League of the United States, Madrid Council

MARCH DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hotel InterContinental, Madrid

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 2000 Hours

All attendees must RSVP to rsvp@nlmadrid.org by Monday, March 18th

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

The Navy League is extremely pleased to welcome to our podium

Vice-admiral Ignacio Horcada Rubio, Spanish Navy



**"The Magellan – Elcano Expedition
Keys of 5th Centennial of the First Circumnavigation"**

Vice admiral Ignacio Horcada Rubio was born in Zaragoza. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1978. He is married, with two grown-up children.

Among his most significant titles he holds that of designated US Naval Aviator (carrier jets) from the USN Training Command, and of graduate from the Spanish Navy War College.

Relevant among his operational positions are the 8th and 9th Harrier Squadrons and the command of 4th Squadron, in the Spanish Navy Air Arm; on board surface combatants, gunnery officer on frigate “Andalucía”, and Operations Department head on the aircraft carrier “Príncipe de Asturias”. In addition, he held command of the fast patrol boat “Cadarso” and the deep rescue and salvage ship “Poseidón”.

Among his shore duties, those dealing with security and defence structures and organisations, national and abroad, are to be highlighted. In Spain: as Assistant Director for Defence Planning and Foreign Relations in the Ministry of Defence. In Brussels: in the Spanish Representation to NATO and EU Military Committees; in NATO’s International Military Staff; and in NATO’s Transformation Command, as its representative in Europe. In Allied Command for Operations, as Deputy Chief of Staff in the then NATO’s Maritime Component Command, in Naples.

Currently he holds the office of Secretary of the Ministry of Defence Commission and advisor to the Spanish Chief of the Navy for the commemoration of the five hundredth anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the globe. In those capacities he coordinates and promotes activities thereto and represents the Ministry of Defence in the National Commission.

Vice admiral Horcada has been awarded a number of national and foreign decorations, prominent among them: the Navy Meritorious Grand Cross, San Hermenegildo Grand Cross, Meritorious Army Cross, Command of Queen Isabel la Católica Order, two NATO Meritorious Service Medals, Officer of France’s Ordre du Mérite; and Germany’s Federal Armed Forces Medal, gold modality.

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