



The Navy League of the United States, Madrid Council

JULY DINNER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hotel InterContinental, Madrid

Thursday, July 18th, 2019 - 2000 Hours

Marin Night!

A Celebration of Spain's Escuela Naval Militar and This Year's Top Cadet

All attendees must RSVP to rsvp@nlmadrid.org by Monday, July 15th

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

***** Dress Code: Summer informal *****

The Navy League is extremely pleased to welcome to our podium

Admiral Juan Rodríguez Garat, SPN



"Spain and the Armada, Proud Past and Promising Future"

Admiral Rodríguez was born in Ferrol, on May 21st, 1956. He joined the Naval Academy on August 16th, 1974, and graduated as Lieutenant Junior Grade in 1979.

As Lieutenant Junior Grade and Lieutenant, he served for eight years on board several surface combatants: corvettes SPS Infanta Elena and SPS Diana, and frigates SPS Cataluña and SPS Andalucía. He commanded the fast patrol boat SPS Alsedo from April 1990 to November 1991.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1990, Admiral Juan Rodríguez commanded the corvette SPS Diana from September 1995 to March 1997. Later, he served for one year in the staff of the NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean (STANAVFORMED).

In 1998, he was promoted to Commander. In October 2001 he assumed command of the commissioning crew of the frigate SPS Álvaro de Bazán, being built at Ferrol. The ship was commissioned in September 2002, and Admiral Rodríguez became her first Commanding Officer.

Promoted to Captain in 2004, he assumed command of the 31st Escort Squadron, based at Ferrol, in July 2005. He served for two years in this position.

Admiral Rodríguez assumed command of the Standing NATO Maritime Group ONE in January 2008, and was promoted to Rear Admiral in September 2008. In January 2009 he took office as ACOS OPS in the Spanish Navy HQ. In August, 2009, he assumed command of the Spanish Strike Group. Starting December 2010, he completed a period of four months as EU Force Commander, in Operation Atalanta.

Promoted to Vice Admiral in April 2011, he served for four years as Commander, Spanish Maritime Forces (SPMARFOR). In July 2015, having been promoted to Admiral, he assumed command of the Personnel Department of the Navy. From October 2016 to September 2018 he served as Admiral of the Fleet.

Retired from the active service in September 2018, he has been appointed Director of the Naval Historic Institute.

Admiral Rodríguez is married to Teresa Martínez, and they have five children.

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