

CURRICULUM VITAE

AIR GENERAL

JAVIER SALTO

SPANISH AIR AND SPACE FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME, NAME: Salto, Javier
DATE OF BIRTH: December 10th, 1955
MARITAL STATUS: Married, 3 children



CERTIFICATIONS

MILITARY, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COURSES

- Fighter Pilot.
- Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) USA.
- Advanced Strategic Studies for Senior Ibero-American Officers (AEEOSI).
- Forward Air Controller.
- Flight Safety Course.
- Logistics Management.
- Photo-interpretation.

LANGUAGES

- English profile 4.3.3.4.

RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In 1978, following completion of his training at ESPAF Air Academy with the rank of Lieutenant, he is assigned to Fighter School. His first operational post takes place in 1979 with the 464 Squadron at Gando Airbase flying the F-5A, and subsequently, between 1981 and 1993, the Mirage F1 (462 Squadron) as an instructor pilot.

In 1993 he attends the Air Command and Staff College course with the United States Air Force (ACSC) in Maxwell AFB (USA).

In 1994, he obtains his General Staff diploma and is assigned to the General Staff at the Canary Islands Air Command. In 1995 he is posted to **NATO Headquarters in Naples AIRSOUTH** for a period of 6 months.

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In 1997 he is assigned to **NATO “NETMA” Agency in Munich** for three years as a specialist in operational factors for the Programme Eurofighter 2000. Upon completion, he is then posted to the ESPAF Logistic Support Command (EF2000 Program Office).

In June 2003 he is promoted to the rank of Colonel, and is appointed **Commander of the 11th Wing and Moron Airbase**, position that he holds for three years.

From July 2006 to November 2008 he serves as **Director of Operations at the NATO Combined Air Operations Centre 8 (Torrejon AB)**.

In November 2008 he is promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and is appointed **Deputy Director of Materiel Management of the Air Force Logistics Command (MALOG)**. In December 2009 he is appointed **Head of the EF2000 Programme, and Spanish Representative at the Programme’s Board of Directors**.

In January 2011 he is promoted to the rank of Major General, and is appointed Director of Weapons Systems at MALOG, becoming the **Spanish Representative for the International Steering Committee (SC) of the EF2000 Programme, and the Spanish Representative for the A400 (PC) Programme**.

In June 2012 he is appointed **Chief of the Canary Islands Air Command**.

In June 2015 he is promoted to Lieutenant General, and is appointed **Director of the Executive Office of the Minister of Defence**.

By Royal Decree 352/2017 of 31 March, he is appointed **Chief of Staff of the Spanish Air Force**, being promoted to the rank of Air General.

Throughout his career, he has flown more than 3.000 flight hours, mainly on Mirage F1 and EF2000.

He is fond of all sports, especially golf.

HONOURS

MILITARY DECORATIONS

- Great Cross, Plaque, Commendation and Cross of the Royal and Military Order of St Hermenegildo.
- Air Meritorious Great Cross (White Badge).
- Great Cross of the Order of Merit of the Civil Guard
- Great Cross of Fidelitas Cross.
- Air Meritorious Great Cross (Chile).
- Two Air Meritorious Crosses (White Badge).

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- Cross of Military Merit (White Badge).
- Navy Meritorious Cross (White Badge).
- Police Meritorious Medal (White Badge).
- Two Silver Crosses of the Order of Merit of the Civil Guard.
- Commemorative medal of Operation Balmis.
- Police Meritorious Medal (Red Badge) (Honorary title).
- NATO Medal.
- USA Meritorious Service Medal distinction.
- Officer de la Légion d'Honneur.
- Bundeswehr Gold Cross of Honour, Federal Republic of Germany.
- St. George Cross Medal, I Class.

DISTINCTIONS

- The Air University Badge distinctive.
- Merit Award for Peacekeeping Operations.

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