



Cdr. Javier Vázquez Sanz

Frigate “Navarra” (F-85)

Commanding Officer

Born in Cartagena (Murcia, Spain) in 1967, Cdr. Javier Vázquez Sanz (Javi) joined the Navy Naval Academy in 1987 and became Lt JG on July 1992.

As a naval officer he has served on board different Spanish Navy ships leading diverse departments. Among his sea assignments, we can highlight:

- Frigate “Numancia”.
- Tall Ship “Juan Sebastián Elcano”.
- LST “Pizarro”.
- LST “Hernan Cortes”.
- LPH “Castilla”.
- Frigate “Reina Sofía”.

In addition, he has been embarked in the Fleet Certification and Qualification Centre (CEVACO), centre in charge of testing the operational level and readiness of the Fleet ships, leading the CIS area.

He’s been Commanding Officer of the following ships, PB “Laya”, MHO “Tambre”, and since last January 17, the frigate “Navarra”.

On his shore assignments we can highlight:

- The Navy Business Process Management Group at the Navy Headquarters
- Operational Command HQ (CMOPS)
- NATO structure, in SHAPE (Plans Directorate- JCAP).

As a consequence of his period at sea, he has been participating in a number of NATO Ops. in the Adriatic Sea, KOSOVO crises, and Active Endeavour in the Strait of Gibraltar. Has also been integrated up to 5 times in former NATO Standing Forces as STANAVFORMED, STANAVFORLANT and SNMCMG2.

Commander Vázquez is a CIS SME, Naval Tactical Action Officer and ASW H/C Controller. Besides, he has a degree in the Joint War College as a Staff Officer.

He has been bestowed with different national military as well as international, both NATO and European Union, awards.

He is married to Mónica and has 2 children. Tennis, sailing and skiing are among his hobbies.