

Admiral José M. Treviño Ruiz

Admiral José M. Treviño Ruiz was born in Granada in 1948 and enrolled in Spain's naval academy, *Escuela Naval Militar*, in 1965. Admiral Treviño graduated with honors and took a position as sublieutenant in 1970. Additionally, the Admiral has completed various courses at other universities both nationally and internationally, including the General Staff course at the *Escuela Guerra Naval* in Madrid, where he received his first rank promotion, Joint Chiefs of Staff Course at the *Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional*, additionally he attended the *NATO Defence College* in Rome. Through his studies, Admiral Treviño has gained specialized knowledge in submarines and communications. The Admiral works as an intelligence analyst for the United States Defense and Intelligence Agency, NATO and the Spanish Department of Defense Joint Chiefs of Staff (EMACON). In Addition, he is a combat diver and bomb disposal officer for the *Academia de Artillería del ET*.

Admiral Treviño has served as an official on many ships and submarines, some of which include the destroyer *Temerario* (D-37), the rescue ship *Poseidón* (AS-01), submarines *Narciso Monturiol* (S-35), *Cosme García* (S-34), and *Delfín* (S-61). He also served two years as the Deputy Commander on the *Tonina* (S-62). In 1978 and 1979, Admiral Treviño worked as the Communications Officer and as an English professor on the university ship *Juan Sebastián de Elcano* on its fifth trip around the world.

In addition, he has served four years in the State Intelligence Division of the Spanish Department of Defense Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the Chief of Staff of the Submarine Fleet, head of the Naval Intelligence Division and the director of the Department of Defense's technical division.

Admiral Treviño has had six posts as a commander at sea. The Admiral served his first post as commander with the Countermine Unit (UBMCM), as a lieutenant on the minesweeper *Odiel* (M-26), as captain commander on the submarine *Marsopa* (S-63), and as captain of the ship *Navarra* (F-85),

which participated in the naval blockade on former Yugoslavia. Additionally, he served as a captain of the Submarine Fleet, Commander of the Fleet Protection Unit and rear admiral of the Spanish-Italian Amphibious Force (SIAF), where he worked on the Plus Ultra Brigade to Iraq. He also served for one year as Chief of Starfleet Operations, where he coordinated naval forces in the operation on the recuperation of Perejil Island.

As Vice Admiral, Mr. Treviño worked as Chief of Staff of NATO Allied Command Operations in Lisbon, where he coordinated the only NATO Response Force operation in support of Pakistan. On September 22, 2006 he was promoted to admiral and named Spain's Military Representative to NATO and the European Union.

On September 1st, 2009, Admiral Treviño moved to his post as advisor to the Chief of Naval Staff. On April 6th, 2011 Admiral Treviño celebrated his tenth year as a general officer and on the 24th of May retired from his naval post. He is currently working as an advisor on the development of air-independent propulsion systems for submarines.

Among his many awards, the Admiral has received three major honors. These include a Cross of Naval Merit, a Cross of Aeronautical Merit and the honor of Military Order of Saint Hermengild. He was also awarded the National Order of Merit from the French Republic.

Admiral Treviño speaks five languages fluently, is married with three children, six nieces and one nephew. His passion for writing has translated to four awards from the *Revista General de Marina*. His hobbies include tennis, swimming, reading history books, motorcycling, and hiking in the Sierras.