## WELCOME REMARKS



As Defense Attaché to the Embassy of Spain in Washington, D.C. I would like to offer my help and be at your disposal for whatever support, inquires, or arrangements you may need in matters of Defense between the Kingdom of Spain and the United States of America.

The ties between the United States and Spain are strong in all aspects, but we must highlight our extraordinary relationship on issues related to Defense. We are two allied and friendly countries that have mutual trust and cooperate in a broad range of areas of Defense. We participate in joint training exercises, in student and liaison officer exchange programs in centers of military education

and other military facilities, in weapon systems development projects, and above all we also participate jointly in military operations wherever our respective nations deem that our presence is needed.

Therefore, at our Defense Attaché Office we strive to maintain – and enhance if possible – our current level of cooperation, which will surely be of great benefit to our Armed Forces and the interests of Spain.

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