# COLOMBIAN ARMED FORCES GENERAL COMMAND





## Major General JAVIER FERNANDEZ LEAL Colombian Army Officer

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: JAVIER FERNÁNDEZ LEAL

Rank: Major General

Service: Army
Branch: Cavalry

Duty Title: Director of the Colombian War

College.

Birthdate: January 09, 1961

Nationality: Colombian Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Maria Victoria Benavidez Piñeros

Children's names: Nicolás y Laura Catalina

Blood Type: OPos Medical Allergies: None Dietary Limitations: None

Languages Spoken: Spanish/English

#### DATES OF RANK:

Second Lieutenant: 01-June-1979
First Lieutenant: 01-June-1982

Captain: 01-June-1986 Major: 01-June-1991

Liutenant Colonel: 01-December -1996
Colonel: 01-December -2001

Brigadier General: 01-December-2007

Major General: 01- December-2011

#### **EDUCATION**

Graduated from the Cadet's Military Academy as a second lieutenant with specialized education in military studies and economics.

Completed the Major's Career Course at the Arms and Services Academy. In 1996 he started the Major's Staff Course at the War College and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in December of that same year. His professional training is complemented by his leadership and command culture, and by economic and international geopolitical strategies.

Studied International Relations at the Jorge Tadeo Lozano University. Has a Masters in Security and Defense from the War College. Has a Masters in International Strategy from the US Army War College.

#### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

- Platoon Leader and Intelligence officer for the 3rd Cavalry Cabal Group in Ipiales, Nariño.
- Logistics officer for Rincon Quiñones Group in Bogota.
- Aerial Support officer in the 7th Brigade in Villavicencio in which Operation Colombia was developed against the FARC forces in Uribe, Meta.
- Operations officer of the Cabal Group.
- Executive officer of Cabal Group.

- Chief of operations of the Joint Special Operations Command (Search Bloc) in Cali.
- Commander of the 49th Counterguerrilla Battalion (1200 volunteer Soldiers), responsible for the security of the Caño Limon pipeline in Coveñas.
- Logistics officer in the 12th Group in Florencia, Caqueta.
- Commander of the Cavalry Scout Group in Casanare, Yopal
- Inspector General of the Army's recruiting command.
- Operations Officer and Executive Officer and Chief of Staff of the 5th brigade in Bucaramanga, Santander.
- Commander of the 11th Brigade in Montería Córdoba.
- Commander of the 27th Jungle Brigade in Putumayo.
- Chief of Army Human Resources.
- Commander of the 8th Division.
- Chief of Joint Military Intelligence and Counterintelligence.
- Currently director of the Colombian Army War College.

### **FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS**

Attended the Basic Armored Course in Fort Knox, KY in 1988.

Attended the Advanced Armored Course Fort Knox KY in 1994.

Attended the US ARMY WAR COLLEGE on Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for higher Military Studies and earned a Masters in International Strategy.

## **AWARDS**

Among his awards, medals and decorations, he has:

- Commander's Order of Boyaca
- Distinguished Service to the Public x6
- "José María Córdova" Order of Military Merit
- "Antonio Nariño" Order of Military Merit
- San Jorge Medal

- National Congress Medal
- Police Commander's Distinguished Service Medal
- Marine Distinguisehd Service Medal
- National Navy Medal

#### **MILITARY TRAINING**

Distinctive Lancer's Instructor
Airborne School
Jump Master
English Course
Rural Counterguerrilla Course
Basic and Advanced Armored Course
Higher Learning courses at the US Army WarCollege

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AURA CODREANU, PHD
Executive editor
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Brasov, Rumania

Subject: Confirmation in the participation on the International Advisory Board

Allow me to present a special greeting and reiterate my satisfaction of having been able to meet you in the Third World Congress of Euro-ISME in Amsterdam during the first days of May.

It will be an honor to be part of the "International Advisory Board" of the magazine "Journal of Defense Resources Management". For this, and in compliance with the requirements I annex my CV. Likewise, let me tell you that the Colombian War College publishes two magazines, one of the Armed Forces published every quarter, and another edition, publish each semester, of the Center for Strategic Studies in Security and National Defense (CEESEDEN, for its acronym in Spanish), which can be both found on our website <a href="https://www.esdegue.mil.co">www.esdegue.mil.co</a>.

In this portal you can also access to all the other publications and to all the academic information we currently publish on behalf of our students who are current officers for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Brigadier General.

Sincerely yours,

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Annex: CV



