

Ricardo Martínez
General of the Army

Commander in Chief of the Army

Professional Background

He enrolled in the Military School in 1976, graduating top of his class on December 1979, with the rank of Ensign in the Infantry branch.

On November 15, 2017 he was appointed Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army by the President of the Republic. He took his office on March 9, 2018.

Promotions and Main Appointments

During his military career he has carried out the following appointments:

December 2015 – March 2017, Chief of the Army General Staff.

December 2013 – 2015, Deputy Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

January to December 2013, Commander in Chief II Motorized Division.

December 2010 – December 2012, Director of Army Projects and Research.

June 2009 – December 2010, Director of the Army NCO School.

January 2008 – June 2009, Head of the Planning Department, Army Operations Directorate.

January 2006 – December 2007, Commander of the Reinforced Regiment N° 10 “Pudeto”.

Academic Background

General Martínez is a Commando and Military Paratrooper by the Chilean Army and the United States Army.

He is a Military School Professor of “Infantry Technique” and a Military Academy Professor of “Military History and Strategy”.

He has the titles of Army Officer and Staff Officer and academic degrees of Licentiate in Military Sciences, Master in Strategic Planning and Management by the Army War College and Master in Business Administration by the Adolfo Ibáñez University. Moreover, he has a Diploma in Joint Operations from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and a Diploma in Security and

Defense Studies from the Inter – American Defense College, both in the United States of America.

Medals and Decorations

During his military career, General Martínez has been awarded national and international decorations rewarding his academic and professional achievements, including those awarded by the Presidency of the Republic of Chile in the grades of “Knight” (Military School) and “Grand Officer” for his promotion to Brigade General; and those granted by the friendly countries of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, the United States of America, Peru and Uruguay.

He also was awarded the decoration “Cross of Victory” on the occasion of his promotion to Division General, the “Great Cross of Victory” for his promotion to General of the Army and the “Necklace of the Great Cross” for his appointment as Commander in Chief of the Army.