



Aviation General (Lieutenant General) **MAXIMILIANO LARRAECHEA** took office on December 15, 2014 as Director General of Civil Aviation of Chile.

General Larraechea was born in the city of La Unión, Chile on April 25, 1959. He attended elementary and high school at Liceo Alexander Fleming in Santiago.

In 1977 he joined the Chilean Air Force Academy where he graduated as a pilot officer in January 1980.

General Larraechea is a fighter Pilot and flying instructor with more than 3.700 flight hours in training and fighter aircraft.

He holds a Master degree in Military Administration Sciences from the Chilean Air Force War College, a Diploma in Political Sciences from the University of Chile, a Master degree in Political Sciences from Andres Bello University, in addition he is a graduate in Air Intelligence Systems from the Israeli Air Force, a graduate from the Executive Course of the Asia Pacific Center For Security Studies, USA, and an Air Operations professor at the Chilean Air Force Air War College.

During his career he has served the following assignments: Squadron Commander, Deputy Director and Director Chilean Air Force Air War College, Secretary General of the National Defense Staff, Chief of the Chilean Air Force Mission to Washington, and Air Attaché to the Chilean Embassy in the United States, Air Brigade Chief of Staff, Wing Base Commander, Secretary General of the Air Force, Commander of the Air Combat Command and Director General of Civil Aviation.