

Brigadier General John E. Griffiths Spielman.



Brigadier General John Griffiths is the general commander of the VI Chilean Army Division, located in the northern city of Iquique. Before that appointment, he was the Secretary General of the Chilean Army, responsible for running the Army Chief of Staff Commanding Office. He has served as Assistant Military Attaché at the Chilean Embassy in Washington D.C., in 2012. Prior to that assignment, he served as Director of the Chilean War College, during 2010-2011 and as Commander of the First Artillery Regiment of the Chilean Army in Santiago Chile, in 2009.

Griffiths received his commission in 1981 as an artillery officer and has a Master degree in Military Sciences from the Chilean War College and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. During 2008, he finished his doctoral program in International Affairs receiving the academic grade of Doctor from the University of Santiago, Chile.

He has taught at different Chilean universities, issues related to security and defense and strategies studies:

- Catholic University of Chile, from 2004 to 2011. Undergraduate and graduate courses at Political Science Department of the University.
- University Adolfo Ibanez, from 2009 to 2011. School of Government.
- University of Chile and University of Santiago Chile, from 2002 to 2011.

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Currently he is part of the professors group, involves in the seminar “Globalization, Competitiveness, and Governability” at Georgetown University from 2006 until now.

He has written many articles in journal such as “Electronic Journal of Globalization, Competitiveness, and Governability”. Georgetown University; “UNISCI Journal” from Complutense University, Madrid, Spain; Journal of International Affairs of the Complutense University, Madrid Spain. Besides, he is the author of many articles published in different book in Chile, Brazil, Austria, Spain, and USA.

He is the author of the book: “The theory of Security and Defense in the Western Hemisphere: Analysis of the cases of United States of America, Peru and Chile”. RIL Edition, Santiago, Chile. 2008. Published in Spanish.

He developed a CONICYT research program, as an associated researcher in International Affairs, during 2012 and 2013.

In 2014, he participated in the executive education program “Senior National and International Security Program”, at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.