



General Eduardo Manuel Braga da Cruz Mendes Ferrão



General Eduardo Manuel Braga da Cruz Mendes Ferrão was born in Lisbon on February 17, 1962, has 43 years of active service and was promoted to his current rank on March 1, 2023.

He is qualified with the Infantry Course at the Military Academy, the career curriculum courses, the General Staff Course and the Flag Officer Course. It also has, among others, the ACE Orientation Staff Course.

Throughout his career, General Eduardo Ferrão served in several Army Units, in the General Staff of the Armed Forces, in the Ministry of Defence and abroad, he held positions:

Of Command, in the 1st Mechanized Infantry Battalion of the Mechanized Brigade, as Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Commander and Commander. At the Military Academy, as Cadets Corps Commander. In the Intervention Brigade, as Deputy Commander. At the Mechanized Brigade, as Deputy Commander and Commander. As Army Adjutant-General and Land Forces Commander.

Of Staff, in the 1st Mechanised Infantry Battalion of the Mechanized Brigade, as Personnel Officer (S1), Information Officer (S2) and Operations Officer (S3). At the Defence Strategic Planning Department of the Directorate-General for National Defence Policy, as the responsible for the process of creating EUROFORCES and setting up the EUROFOR Headquarters in Florence. At the Defence Strategic Intelligence Service, as Director of Services, and as a member of the Coordinating and Security Authority for Lisbon's EXPO 98. At the Mechanized Brigade, as Operations Officer (G3). In the Armed Forces General Staff, as advisor to the Deputy General for Planning and Operations, and in the Army General Staff, as Co-ordinating Director.

He taught at the Staff College, as professor of Land Operations and Tactics.

He participated in the Kosovo Force (KFOR), North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Operation in that territory, as Commander of the KFOR Commander's Ground Tactical Reserve, and in the Central African Republic, as Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

His service record includes fourteen commendations, one from the Minister of Defence, one from the Chief of the Defence Staff, one from the Secretary of State for Defence, four from the Army Chief of Staff, four from General Officers and three from other Military Entities. He was awarded with Military Order of Avis, Grand Officer, seven Silver Medals for Distinguished Services, the 1st and 3rd Class Military Merit Medals, the 1st Class Medal of D. Afonso Henriques, the Gold and Silver Medals for Exemplary Behaviour, the Commemorative Cross for Peace Missions - Kosovo of the Italian Republic and the National Order of Recognition Medal of the Central African Republic - Commander Grade.

He is married to Ana Couret Pereira Branco Ferrão and has two daughters, Joana and Sofia.