



MR. RICHARD VARGAS

Richard Vargas is a native of South Bronx, New York. He enlisted in the United States Navy on November 26, 1986 and proceeded to Recruit Training Command (RTC), Great Lakes, IL. Upon graduation from RTC, he received orders to the forward deployed ship, USS BELKNAP (CG-26), Six Fleet Flag ship homeported in Gaeta, Italy, during which he was promoted to Postal Clerk 3rd Class (E4).

Mr. Vargas' next duty stations were to U.S. Naval Support Activity, Holy Loch Scotland, UK, followed by a tour at the U.N. Weapons Inspection, On-Site Inspection Agency, Washington DC where he served as Leading Petty Officer (LPO) for the Administration Division. Tours which followed were assignments aboard the USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV-67); Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan; USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) where he was promoted to Chief Postal Clerk (E7) and served as Postal Officer and Command Career Counselor; Joint Military Postal Activity-Pacific where he assumed duties as Chief Router and Operations Officer. His final active duty tour was to Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Jacksonville Det, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, where he served as Postal Officer responsible for the Navy and Army Postal facilities. During his 24 years of Active service, he held various positions which included Custodian of Postal Effect, Leading Petty Officer, and Command Career Counselor.

Upon retirement, Mr. Vargas returned to Cuba as the Postal Officer and subsequently became the Director Postal Operations/Postal Inspector, New England. His current role is Deputy Director, Inter-service Postal Training Activity, Fort Jackson, SC.

He is authorized to wear both the Enlisted Surface Warfare and Aviation Warfare Specialist devices. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medals (6th Award) Navy Good Conduct Medal (5th Award) and various unit and campaign awards.