



BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAZARO GARCIA

Lt Col Laz Garcia assumed duties as Chief of Staff for Civil Air Patrol's Florida Wing on 10 Apr 2024. He provides guidance, encouragement and training to Wing staff members as needed, and makes recommendations to the Wing Commander regarding staff composition and qualification.

He also serves as the FLWG Webmaster maintaining the website and managing all the Groups and Squadrons websites as well. Among other current duties, Lt Col Garcia is also assigned additional duties (ADY) to the Southeast Region of Civil Air Patrol as the webmaster.

Lt Col Garcia joined Civil Air Patrol in 2005 and was assigned to the Southeast Region working in Emergency Services, later being transferred to squadrons in South Florida to gain experience. He later became Deputy Commander for Cadets in the Pembroke Pines Composite Squadron and then in the Tamiami Composite Squadron. In 2014, he became Commander of the Opa Locka Cadet Squadron and then transferred to the Central Florida Composite Squadron becoming commander of that squadron in 2017.



Later in 2018, after serving for 12 years as Aide-de-Camp to the Civil Air Patrol National Commander, he was appointed as Chief of Staff until 2021 when he then became the FLWG Webmaster. In September of 2023, he was also assigned to the position of Disaster Relief Officer and Webmaster for the Southeast Region.

Lt Col Garcia served in the U.S. NAVY as a Hospital Corpsman for 12 years and is a Veteran of the Persian Gulf War. He is an Orthopedic Technologist at Nicklaus Children's Hospital where he has worked for over 30 years. He currently resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida taking care of his mother, has a sister (Ines) and a niece (Alexandra).

EDUCATION:

- Currently working on Bachelor of Science in Health Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management from the University of Phoenix
- 2016 - Unit Commanders Course
- 2015 - Training Leaders of Cadets
- 2015 - Region Staff College, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV
- 2007 - Corporate Learning Course
- 2006 - Squadron Leadership School

ASSIGNMENTS:

- *Current Assignment: April 2024, Chief of Staff, Florida Wing*
- September 2023 - April 2024, Disaster Relief Officer/Southeast Region Webmaster
- July 2021 - Present, Florida Wing Webmaster
- August 2018 - July 2021, Chief of Staff, Florida Wing
- July 2018 - August 2018, Communications/Professional Development/Logistics Officer, Group 7 Florida Wing
- January 2018 - July 2018, Commander, SER-FL-259 Florida Wing
- August 2014 - January 2017, Commander, SER-FL-464 Florida Wing
- August 2013 - April 2014, Deputy Commander of Cadets, SER-FL-355 Florida Wing
- January 2008 - August 2017, Disaster Relief Officer, Southeast Region, Maxwell AFB, AL
- June 2007 - August 2017, Aide-de-Camp, National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Garber Award
2 - National Commander's Commendation Awards
2 - Meritorious Service Awards
Exceptional Service Award
Crisis Service Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award