



MSG Richard Colon-Valdes

Master Sergeant Richard Colon-Valdes was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico. He entered the Army in January 1991, where he attended Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Human Resource Specialist Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During his career, MSG Colon-Valdes has worked in a variety of positions to include: Personnel Action Specialist, Personnel Action and Separation Non-commissioned Officer (NCO), Training NCO, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Personnel Service NCO (PSNCO), Welcome Center Assistant NCOIC, In/Out Processing NCOIC, Welcome Center NCOIC, Strength Management NCOIC, G-1 Operations NCOIC, Senior Personnel Sergeant (S1 NCOIC), and currently US Army Garrison Vicenza Equal Opportunity Advisor (EOA).

MSG Colon-Valdes has served with 369th Personnel Services Company, Giessen and Friedberg, Germany; HQ Headquarters Support Troop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; Theater Support Brigade, Fort Clayton, Panama; United States Army Garrison, Fort Buchanan, PR; 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; 19th Theater Sustainment Command, Camp Henry, Korea; 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX, and currently serving in United States Army Garrison Vicenza.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Turabo University, Puerto Rico. His military education includes Warrior Leader Course (WLC), Advance Leader Course (ALC), Defense Reutilization Marketing Course, Unit Prevention Leadership Course (UPL), Senior Leader Course (SLC), and Equal Opportunity Advisor Course.

Significant deployments include three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MSG Colon-Valdes' awards and decoration include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (7th Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Korea Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (7), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation (1st Oak leaf Cluster), and Driver and Mechanic Badge.