

2021-2022 El Paso County Veteran of the Year



CW2 (Retired) David Garcia was born and raised in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1975. He enlisted into the United States Army the same year. During his 20 years of service, he has attended many leadership courses which consist of BLC, PLC, Drill Sgt. Academy and Warrant Officer Courses as an Automotive Maintenance Technician.

CW2 (Retired) David Garcia received numerous awards throughout his 20 years of service and was stationed in various states and countries such as Ft. Stewart GA, Korea, Ft. Hood TX, Colombia, and Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Storm. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (2) from the United States Army in 1995. After retirement, he attended Savannah Technical School in Georgia and El Paso Community College, where he graduated in 1999 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Automotive Technology.

CW2 (Retired) David Garcia has been married to Mary C. Garcia for 21 years and has been blessed with 6 beautiful children, along with grandchildren. He

joined the Disabled American Veterans Organization in 1999. He has devoted himself to fulfilling the promises to the men and women who have served this great nation. Throughout, his 20 years Mr. Garcia served as District 1 and Chapter Commander for several terms and was appointed as Dept. of Texas Legislation Chairman, throughout the State of Texas and City of El Paso. He was selected by former Congressman Beto O'Rourke as part of his Veteran's Advisory Committee as Chairman of VA Claims/Appeals.

He continues to serve in the Disabled American Veterans Organization, Northeast Chapter 187, Benefits Protection Team Leader, Chapter Judge Advocate, Sr. Chapter Service Officer and Sr. Combat Related Special Compensation Ambassador. Mr. Garcia has assisted numerous veterans, active duty members, dependents, and widows in applying for benefit that they are entitled to. CW2 (Retired) David Garcia has participated in numerous veterans events and partnered with several community partners involved in advocating for veterans, families, active duty and widows throughout the County and City of El Paso, Texas.