

LARRY VELASQUEZ, JR.

State Judge Advocate

2022-2023

Past State Commander (2012-2013)

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Texas



Larry Velasquez, Jr., is a Gold Legacy Life Member of the Jessie Little VFW Post 8932 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He joined the VFW in 1997 after he retired with 22+ years of honorable service as a U.S. Army First Sergeant. His overseas and VFW eligibility comes from his service in Germany, Korea, Egypt and in Kuwait with the 1st Infantry Division attached to the 18th Airborne Corps as a Medevac 1st Sergeant during Operation Desert Storm.

He earned the Legion of Meritorious Service medal, Air medal, Army Commendation medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement medal, Expert Field Medical badge, Humanitarian Service medal, Southwest Asia Service medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Kuwait Liberation medal-Saudi Arabia, Overseas Service ribbon (2), Aircraft Crewman badge, Good Conduct medal (8th Award), NCO Professional Development ribbon (3), National Defense Service medal with Service Star, Expert Qualification badge (Rifle M16), Sharpshooter Qualification badge (.9 MM pistol), Recruiter badge with 3 Gold Stars, and Army Service ribbon.

Comrade Velasquez served as VFW Post 2397 Quartermaster (2001-2002), Post 2397 Adjutant (2010-2011) and Post 8932 Commander (2002-2003) and (2007-2008). At the District level, he worked his way up the line ultimately serving as District 6 Commander (2005-2006).

At the State level, he served two (2) consecutive terms as State Surgeon (2008-2010) and. He was elected as State Junior Vice Commander in 2010-2011, State Senior Vice Commander 2011-2012 and elected as State Commander for 2012-2013. He earned All-American status and increased the membership that year with over 1,200 new VFW members.

He served nine (9) years on the Texas VFW Budget and Finance Committee and was appointed Budget and Finance Chair (2019-2020). He also served three (3) years as the State Convention Chair. He was appointed as Special Aide-de-Camp (2013-2014) and (2018-2019) and was a recipient of the distinguished J.T. Rutherford Award in 2012-2013.

Comrade Velasquez was elected to serve a four-year term (2014-2018) as National Council Member for the Texas VFW and during that time served as a member of the National VFW Budget and Finance Committee and as By-Law Chair for the VFW Southern Conference.

He is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children, Life Member of the Military Order of the Cooties, Life Member of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion and serves on the Mayor of Corpus Christi Committee for Veterans Affairs.