



BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier General Joseph R. Vazquez

Joseph R. Vazquez is the National Vice Commander of Civil Air Patrol. His primary duty is to assist CAP National Commander Major General Charles L. "Chuck" Carr, Jr. in leading CAP's more than 61,000 volunteers in fulfillment of the nonprofit organization's three congressionally chartered missions: emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education, as well as CAP's steadily increasing role in America's homeland security.

As CAP's National Vice Commander, Vazquez serves as a Brigadier General (1-star). He is also a member of the CAP Board of Governors, the CAP National Executive Committee and the CAP National Board – CAP's governing and advisory bodies.

Brig Gen Vazquez was elected to a one-year term as National Vice Commander on Aug. 18, 2011, and assumed command two days later at the conclusion of CAP's 2011 Annual Conference and National Board meeting.

Before his election as National Vice Commander, Brig Gen Vazquez commanded the more than 7,000 members of CAP's Middle East Region – a seven-state area on the East Coast from Delaware to South Carolina. He was appointed Middle East Region Commander in 2008. He served as CAP's National Operations Advisor prior to that appointment, during which time he re-structured CAP's core flying regulation, CAPR 60-1.

A longtime member of CAP, Vazquez joined as a Georgia Wing cadet in 1975 and rose to the rank of cadet Major before transitioning to the senior member program in 1978. He qualified as a CAP Ground Team Leader while still a cadet, and as a senior member became a Mission Pilot in 1986. He subsequently qualified as a Flight Instructor and Check Pilot, and in 1992 became an Incident Commander, the highest search and rescue rating inside CAP.

Starting in 1989, Brig Gen Vazquez served in increasing areas of responsibility with CAP. He was appointed as Commander of Group 2 within South Carolina Wing in 1989, and from 1990 to 1992 was Commander of the Wicomico Composite Squadron in Salisbury, MD. He was appointed Group 1 Commander with Maryland Wing in 1993 and Group 4 commander with Virginia Wing in 1994. He held multiple Wing staff assignments in Virginia, and was appointed Virginia Wing Vice Commander in 1997 and Wing Commander in 2001. In 2003 he became Vice Commander of CAP's Middle East Region and later the National Operations Advisor in 2007.

A native of Savannah, GA, and a graduate of Warner Robins High School in Georgia, Brig Gen Vazquez attended the University of Georgia, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in psychology and computer science. He began his career as a software engineer with E.I. Dupont at the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, SC. He transferred to Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) in 1997 and retired in 2010 as an Operations Manager with CSC's North American Service Restoration Team. He is also a 32nd degree Mason and past master of Temple Lodge #9, Virginia Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

He is married to another CAP member, Lt Col Leslie Vazquez, who is CAP's National Standardization/Evaluation Advisor.

