

**MASTER CHIEF NAVY COUNSELOR
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Master Chief Navy Counselor Jose A. Velazquez grew up in the South Bronx of New York City. Born in Caguas, Puerto Rico his mother soon moved the family to New York where he attended New York City public schools. On the 29th of June 1982, he went to Recruit Training Command, San Diego, CA.

His sea duty commands include: USS CLEVELAND LPD-7, homeported in San Diego, CA; USS FULTON AS-11, homeported in New London, CT; USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT CVN-71 and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER CVN-69, homeported in Norfolk, VA; and USS NIMITZ CVN-68, homeported in San Diego, CA.

His shore duty assignments include: Joint Duty with the New York Military Entrance Processing Station in Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY; overseas duty at Commander, US Naval Activities, United Kingdom, London, England; VFA-106, NAS Oceana, VA; Commander, FIRST Naval Construction Division/Naval Construction Forces Command, Virginia Beach, VA; and Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, VA.

In January 2008, Master Chief Velazquez reported to his current command, Center for Personal and Professional Development, where he holds three primary duties. As the Career Counselor Liaison for the Navy's Voluntary Education program, he works with the 52 Navy College Offices to provide voluntary education services and programs to all Sailors and their families. He is the education counseling coordinator for the Wounded Warrior Program at NMC Balboa, NNMC Bethesda, and NMC Portsmouth. Finally, he is the curriculum manager for the Command Career Counselor course.

Master Chief Velazquez is authorized to wear ESWS, EAWS, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6 awards), Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and various service and campaign awards. He holds an Associates Degree from the University of the State of New York, a Bachelors Degree from the University of Maryland University College, a Masters Degree from Troy University, and is currently working on a PhD with Old Dominion University. He is married to the former Raquel Rosado. They live in Chesapeake, Virginia with their two teenaged children, Jelissa Denise and Jose Junior.