



COMMANDER SERGIO VILLAVERDE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE (ret)

Association of Naval Services Officers Elected National Judge Advocate. CDR Sergio Villaverde was born and raised in New York City, having lived in Manhattan, Queens and The Bronx. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard reserve soon after graduation from high school in August 1986. Upon graduation from Basic Training, he was assigned as a Seaman Apprentice and USCG Reserve Unit Support Center New York on Governors Island, NY, where he qualified and served as Governors Island Police Investigator and Watch Commander (Youngest reserve Watch Commander in the unit). While serving as a member of the Reserve

Unit Support Center New York he earned advancement to the rate of Port Securityman. In 1995, then Port Securityman Villaverde applied, and was accepted to Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI). Upon successful completion of ROCI, in July 1995, he was commissioned an Ensign. Ensign Villaverde was assigned to a Coast Guard district staff position. In 1996, he was assigned to USCG Activities New York where he served as a Duty Investigating Officer in the Marine Safety Division. In 1998, Ltjg Villaverde was assigned to USCG Station New York, where he served as the senior reserve member.

September 11, 2001, LT. Villaverde was activated for service at USCG Station New York, where performed duties in support of post 9-11 Coast Guard operations. In 2002, LT. Villaverde was once again assigned to USCG Activities New York where he served as an Investigating Officer. While in this assignment, LT. Villaverde attended USCG Investigating Officer School at USCG TRACEN Yorktown, Virginia. LT. Villaverde became the only reserve member at the unit to be a fully qualified “badge carrying” Marine Investigating Officer. LT Villaverde was again activated in 2003 and served in support of Coast Guard Operations in the Port of New York.

In November 2005, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander and later assigned as Deputy Reserve Chief of the Prevention Department, USCG Activities/Sector New York.

December 2007, LCDR Villaverde was assigned as a Section Chief within Sector New York Reserve Operations Department.

In May of 2010 LCDR Villaverde was mobilized in support of the Response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. LCDR Villaverde was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for his actions during this activation.

In July of 2012 LCDR Villaverde was assigned to U.S Coast Guard District 7 planning staff. In addition to duties in the Planning division LCDR Villaverde was assigned as Reserve Staff Liaison, assisting the D7 SRO with Staff reserve readiness and issues.

September of 2011 promoted to the Rank of Commander and in October 2012 assigned to the position of Senior Reserve Officer, Base Miami Beach. CDR Villaverde ended his Coast Guard Reserve Career as Senior Reserve Judge Advocate at U.S Coast Guard District 1 legal staff.

Commander Villaverde held his retirement ceremony aboard the USS Intrepid Museum on August 25, 2018, exactly 32 years from the day he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and started Basic Training at Cape May, New Jersey.

CDR Villaverde's history also includes: Employment as an Emergency Medical Technician with NYC Emergency Medical Service working in Harlem and the Bronx receiving numerous decorations including pre hospital resuscitation awards and assisted in delivering 18 babies (all girls); a Career in Law Enforcement as a Uniformed Member of the New York City Police Department, serving as a Community Policing Officer, Training Officer and Plain Clothes assignments, receiving numerous decorations including for Excellent Police Duty and Integrity awards. CDR has also served on local community boards, Chairperson of a local youth services organization, mentor and baseball coach. CDR Villaverde is also Senior Attorney of his Law Community Based Law Practice in New York City.

While working full time and remaining a highly engaged member of the United States Coast Guard Reserve, CDR Villaverde earned an Associate Degree from LaGuardia Community College, CUNY, a Bachelors of Arts/ Political Science from The City College of New York, CUNY, and a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

CDR Villaverde has earned numerous decorations and awards including: DOT 9-11 Medal, 2 Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal.