



Pablo Rigoberto Garcia Canales

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Brigade Sergeant Major Pablo Rigoberto Garcia Canales was born in the department of Sonsonate, El Salvador, on 23 November 1967, the son of Manuel de Jesús Canales and Gloria Marina García.

Brigade Sergeant Major Garcia Canales, from the Infantry Branch, entered the Salvadorian Army on 1 August 1984. He was promoted through the respective ranks in a hierarchical manner, as required by the Military Career Law for Non-Commissioned Officers, until attaining the rank of Brigade Sergeant Major, the highest rank reached by Non-Commissioned Officers in the Salvadorian Armed Forces.

He participated in the 1980-1982 Military Campaign conducted in Salvadorian territory against terrorist aggression, and was wounded three times in combat. During his military career he has completed the Command Course, as well as the Airborne (Combat) and Military Leadership Instructor Courses, among others.

His most noteworthy positions include Company Sergeant, Battalion Sergeant Major, Detachment Sergeant Mayor, Adjutant General, Logistics Assistant in the Inspector General's Office of the Armed Forces, member of the Brigade Staff, member of the Court of Honor of the Armed Forces in the Non-Commissioned Officer's Category, and Collaborator to the Chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces.

His awards and decorations include the Gold Medal for Meritorious Service, Medal for Wounds Received in Combat, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Brigade Sergeant Major Garcia Canales assumed the position of Assistant Command Sergeant Major at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation on 29 May 2012.