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First Sergeant Rafael M. Garza is the senior enlisted advisor of the Albuquerque Military Entrance Processing Station.

He enlisted the Army in May 1994, and completed Initial Entry Training and Advanced Individual Training as a human resource specialist at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He served as administrative assistant, Combat Aviation Training Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; postal clerk, 3rd Platoon, 38th Postal Company, 38th Personnel Services Battalion, Ansbach, Germany; executive administrative assistant, 8th Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea; personnel administrative sergeant, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; noncommissioned officer in charge, Secretary General Staff Operations, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, III Corps, Fort Hood, deployed as platoon sergeant and noncommissioned officer in charge, Combined Joint Special Operations, Iraq; senior human resources sergeant, Allied Forces Northern Europe Battalion, United States Army NATO Brigade, Brunssum, Netherlands; senior human resources sergeant, and noncommissioned officer in charge, Human Resources, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, and deployed to Afghanistan; executive officer to the Command Sergeant Major, Army Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and noncommissioned officer in charge, Human Resources, 8th Army, Yongsan.



First Sergeant Garza's professional military education includes the Basic, Advanced and Senior Leaders Courses, Postal Operations Course, Postal Supervisors Course, Battle Staff Course, Lean Six Sigma-Black Belt Certification Course, and Manpower and Force Management Course. He earned an Associate of Arts from Central Texas College, Killeen, a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from Ashford University, San Diego, and a Master of Arts in Administration from University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.

His military awards and decorations include three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, ten Army Achievement Medals, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various unit and service medals and ribbons.