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First Sergeant Claudia Tapia is the senior enlisted advisor of the Albuquerque Military Entrance Processing Station.

She enlisted in the Army in 2000 at the Houston MEPS and completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. First Sergeant Tapia served as personnel records clerk, Enlisted Records Evaluation Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; personnel service clerk, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; division awards noncommissioned officer in charge, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Mosul, Iraq; personnel service noncommissioned officer, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell; human resources sergeant, 6th Battalion - 101st General Support Aviation Battalion, Fort Campbell, and a deployment to Tikrit, Iraq; human resources sergeant, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Campbell; noncommissioned officer in charge joint assignment manager and senior army personnel manager, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia; senior human resources sergeant, Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany; senior human resources sergeant, Headquarters, 7th Joint Multinational Training Command, Grafenwöhr, Germany; and Intelligence and Operations executive services noncommissioned officer in charge, Southern Command Headquarters, Miami, Florida.



Her professional military education includes the Basic, Advanced, and Senior Leaders Course, Brigade Human Resources Operations Course, Anti-Terrorism Level II, Army Knowledge Management Qualification Course, Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Course, Manpower and Force Management, Lean Six Sigma Green and Black Belt, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Phase I, and Combat Lifesaver and Equal Opportunity Course.

First Sergeant Tapia's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, Driver Badge, Schutzenschnur (German Armed Forces Badge of Marksmanship), and numerous unit and service medals and ribbons. She is also the recipient of the Adjutant General Corps' Achievement Medal and the Horatio Gates Bronze Medal.