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First Sergeant Jose A. Vazquez is the senior enlisted advisor of the San Jose Military Entrance Processing Station, and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the San Juan MEPS in 2002.

He served as driver, ammo team chief and gunner, 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas, and deployed to Iraq; recruiter as part of Miami Recruiting Battalion, at Ponce Recruiting Station, Puerto Rico; senior human resources sergeant, 1st Battalion 77th Armor Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, and deployed to Iraq; platoon sergeant, training noncommissioned officer, operations NCO and first sergeant, 510th Human Resources Company, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, and deployed to Kuwait; equal opportunity advisor, 1st Army Command Headquarters, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois; senior human resources sergeant, 1st Battalion of the 79th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and operations NCO, San Jose MEPS, Mountain View, California.

First Sergeant Vazquez' military education includes the Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Senior Leaders Course, Master Leaders Course, Recruiting School, Equal Opportunity School, Master Resilience School, Common Faculty Development Instructor Course, and Cadre Training Course. He earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration, and a Master of Science in homeland security from Trident University International, Cypress, California.

His military awards and decorations include four Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, six Army Achievement Medals, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, and various service, unit and personal medals and ribbons. He earned the Recruiter Gold Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Colonel Robert L. Manning Achievement Medal (Adjutant General).