

VFW Elects First Mexican American Quartermaster General

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marc Garduno was elected quartermaster general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States today by special election of the National Council of Administration to fill a vacancy in the position due to the retirement of Debra Anderson. His election makes him the first Mexican American to hold the position.

"I'm so thrilled and honored to be in this position," said Garduno. "I'm going to do my best to support the awesome professionals and outstanding cadre of volunteers that make up the VFW."

Prior to his election, he held appointed positions as VFW assistant quartermaster general and served as a member of the VFW National Legislative Committee and the National Bylaws Study Group.

Garduno retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years as a chief warrant officer (CW3), human resources technician, and his assignments included several tours in the Republic of Korea.

He joined VFW Post 8180, Seoul, Korea, in 2005, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 3238, Camden, Delaware. Garduno holds the distinction of being named a Triple Crown All-American Commander and led a VFW Outstanding Community Services Post in 2016.

After retiring from the Army in 2008, he held various civilian sector management positions to include several years as a project manager for a Department of Defense contracting company with service at the Joint Personnel Effects Depot, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Garduno is a 2021 graduate of Wilmington University where he received a Master of Science degree in nonprofit management. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in organizational management from Wilmington University, and an associate degree in applied science from Fayetteville Tech.

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