



# Command Chaplain NCOIC

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U.S. Army Military District of Washington

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## Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez

Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez is a native of Riverview, Florida. He enlisted in the United States Army in April 1998. He attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His Military Occupational Specialty is 56M, Religious Affairs NCO.

Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez' previous duty assignments include: Funds Clerk and Chapel NCO, Garrison Command and 1-210<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, Fort Rucker, AL; 1-9 Infantry Battalion Chaplain Assistant NCO, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea; Chapel NCOIC, 15<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade and Garrison Command, Fort Gordon, GA; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Chaplain Assistant NCOIC, 101<sup>st</sup> (AASLT) ABN Division,

Fort Campbell, KY and deployed forward Iraq; Chaplain Operations NCOIC, 101<sup>st</sup> (AASLT) ABN Division, Fort Campbell, KY and deployed forward Afghanistan; Chaplain Assistant Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Senior Chaplain Assistant NCO and G3 Operations Sergeant, 8<sup>th</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; and he currently serves as the Command Chaplain NCOIC/Master Religious Affairs NCOIC for the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region Military District of Washington.

Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez is a graduate of the Warrior Leader's Course, Advanced Leader's Course, Senior Leader's Course (Distinguished Honor Graduate), Battle Staff Course, Instructor Training Course, Master Resiliency Trainer Course, Emergency Medical Ministry Course, Traumatic Event Management Course, Sexual Harassment Assault/Response Prevention Course, OPSEC NCO Course, Fund Clerk Course, NBC Defense Course, JRTC Observer/Controller Course, Army Recruiter Course, Drivers Training Course, Combative Level 1 Course, Air Assault School, and Airborne School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1<sup>st</sup> OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (6<sup>th</sup> OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award (1<sup>st</sup> OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (5<sup>th</sup> award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 CS), Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 CS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4<sup>th</sup> Award), NATO Medal, Recruiting Badge (Silver), Driver Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. MSG Lopez is also a member of the Honorable Order of Titus.

Master Sergeant Rafael Lopez is married to the former Katherin Sanchez from Venezuela and they have three children: Adrian, Valerie, and Byron.