



Ernest Eugene Garcia **Deputy Director**

Ernest E. Garcia serves as Deputy Director of the Selective Service System. In this role, Garcia assists the Director and in his absence, assumes the full responsibility of this position, including day-to-day operations, interaction with the Congress, the White House, Department of Defense and other federal agencies as required. Prior to being assigned to serve as Deputy, Mr. Garcia served as the Agency's Chief of Staff.



Before his appointment as Chief of Staff, Mr. Garcia served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. In July 2003, he was called to active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. During his activation, he served as a South American area operations officer with the II Marine Expeditionary Force, Director of Civil Affairs for the Combined Joint Task Force-Haiti and as Commander of Civil Affairs for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq. Mr. Garcia is also a Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran.

Prior to active duty in 2003, Mr. Garcia served as a city management executive in Wichita, Kansas. In 1985, Mr. Garcia was nominated by U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Senator Bob Dole and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, to be the 29th Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate. In that capacity, he was the Senate's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Protocol Officer. As the Senate's chief law enforcement officer, Mr. Garcia also served as Chairman of the Capitol Police Board and member of the Senate Management Board. Prior to his Senate experience, Mr. Garcia served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. He also served as White House Special Assistant to President Reagan. Before his appointment to the Agency, Mr. Garcia was the Kansas State Director for the Selective Service System serving since July 2001.

Mr. Garcia's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, and the U.S. Selective Service System's Exceptional and Distinguished Service Medals. Mr. Garcia is also the recipient of the 2006 VISTA Magazine Special Hero Award for his distinguished service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Born in Garden City, Kansas, Mr. Garcia earned undergraduate and postgraduate degrees from the University of Kansas. He also completed Wichita State's University Center for Management Development Mini MBA program and Harvard Business School Executive Education Program on Corporate Governance.