

Commander Luis Jesús Rodríguez

Deputy Commander Coast Guard Sector Key West



Commander Rodríguez is a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1994 and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1998. Commander Rodríguez currently serves as Deputy Commander at Coast Guard Sector Key West.

Prior to his current assignment, Commander Rodríguez served as Deputy Chief of Enforcement for the Seventh Coast Guard District responsible for all law enforcement operations in a 1.8 million square mile area of responsibility. He also served as the Operational Plans, Policy, and International Engagement Section Chief for the District. From 2012 to 2015 he served as Sector Miami Command Center Chief, responsible for the prosecution and coordination of the Coast Guard's mission response in one of the busiest operational areas. From 2008 to 2012 he was assigned to the Office of International Affairs and Foreign Policy at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC and was responsible to the Commandant's Foreign Policy Advisor for all aspects of international policy and engagement in Latin America, the Caribbean and Mexico. Commander Rodriguez served as Deck Watch Officer onboard CGC COURAGEOUS and Operations Officer on CGC VIGILANT. Commander Rodríguez has served in various capacities throughout his career to include: Machinery Technician, Station San Juan, PR; Officer Trainee, Recruiting Office, San Juan, PR; Officer Candidate, Training Center Yorktown, VA; Cutter Scheduler and Logistics Officer, GANTSEC, San Juan, PR; International Operations Officer, GANTSEC, San Juan, PR; Intelligence Officer and Deputy Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, GANTSEC, San Juan, PR; and Enforcement Branch Chief, Sector San Juan, PR where he was responsible for all surface and air response assets operating in the Eastern Caribbean.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Interamerican University in Puerto Rico and a Masters degree in International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University. Commander Rodríguez is an Auxiliary Colonel in the Puerto Rico Police Department. Personal awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Expert Rifleman, and the Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot. He has earned the Presidential Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, DOT Outstanding Unit Award, Coast Guard "E" Ribbon, 9-11 Ribbon, Special Operations Ribbon, in addition to several Meritorious Unit Commendation and Meritorious Team Commendation awards.

Commander Rodríguez is married to his best friend, Glory Ann Olmedo, from Ponce, Puerto Rico. They are the proud parents of Jesús-Javier. Glory Ann holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from the Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Commander Rodríguez enjoys spending quality time with family and traveling.