



Dr. Fred J. Rodríguez's professional career covers a wide range of experience, to include serving as a college President, twenty years as a university professor, and as an Army officer with the Reserve and Active components. He holds a B.S. from Idaho State University, a M.Ed. from Colorado State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Utah.

Dr. Rodríguez's career began when he was commissioned as an infantry officer in the United States Army following his undergraduate studies. He entered active duty in 1969 and completed the Infantry Officer, Ranger, Airborne, and Jungle Warfare Schools. In 1970 he served a one-year tour as a combat officer in the Republic of Vietnam. After leaving active duty in 1972, he entered graduate school and upon completing his Master of Education degree in 1974 he was appointed Assistant Professor and Head Wrestling Coach at California State University, Fresno. In 1976 he accepted a position as Associate Professor and Head Wrestling Coach at California State University, Long Beach where he remained until 1986.

In 1986, Dr. Rodríguez returned to active duty with the Army National Guard and for the next two years directed the SROTC program at the University of Southern California. From 1988-91, he was stationed in Panama and traveled widely throughout Central and South America providing the leadership for a long-range professional educational exchange program between the United States Southern Command and 19 Latin American nations.

In 1992 Dr. Rodríguez separated from active duty when he was selected to serve as Chief Executive Officer/Dean of the Panama Canal College. As the educational leader he was responsible for planning and directing the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Technology Degree programs for a culturally diverse student body of over 2,000.

Upon his return from Panama, Dr. Rodríguez assumed a professorship in Graduate Education in the California State University System. In August 2003, Dr. Rodríguez assumed the position of Director of Education Services at Fort Riley, Kansas. As the chief educational leader within the Fort Riley community he was entrusted with providing the leadership and directing educational opportunities for over 30,000 active duty soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, and family members.

Military Service, Honors and Awards: Lieutenant Colonel – Retired

- a. Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal – 1970
- b. Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Service Stars – 1970
- c. The Bronze Star Medal for Valor – Vietnam, 1970
- d. The Bronze Star Medal for Valor (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster) – Vietnam, 1970
- e. The Bronze Star Medal for Valor (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster) – Vietnam, 1970
- f. The Air Medal – Vietnam, 1970
- g. The Combat Certificate – Vietnam, 1970
- h. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal 3rd AWD
- i. Joint Meritorious Service Award
- j. National Defense Service Medal
- k. Army Service Ribbon
- l. Ranger Tab
- m. Parachutist Badge (Airborne Wings)