

LEOPOLDO CORONA-ROJAS

(LEO CORONA)

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS, U.S. ARMY (RETIRED)

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR | LEADERSHIP COACH | IT & SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR | COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER



Leopoldo Corona-Rojas is a proven leader with over 30 years of experience in organizational leadership, operations management, team development, and community engagement. Known for his integrity, strategic vision, and dedication to service, Leo has built a career exemplifying the values of duty, honor, and country—while making meaningful contributions across both military and civilian sectors.



EARLY SERVICE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Leo began his lifelong commitment to service as a youth volunteer with several community organizations, including the U.S. Naval Junior ROTC, the Sanger Police Department Explorer Program, and the American Disabled Veterans (AMVET), where he received a Certificate of Service. He was recognized early for his leadership potential through honors like the MYLES (Motivating Youth Leadership Enhancement Skills) award and won a national essay contest titled “How Do I Respect The American Flag,” earning a trip to Valley Forge. These formative experiences ignited his passion for service and leadership.



CAREER OVERVIEW

Throughout his 20-year career in the U.S. Army (1995–2015), Leo served in progressively senior management roles, culminating in his position as Senior Director of Operations for an organization of over 750 personnel. His roles consistently involved overseeing high-value equipment, leading diverse teams, developing training programs, and supporting global operations.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

- Oversaw operational planning, personnel management, and logistics coordination for 750+ employees across multiple departments.
- Directed organizational functions including human resources, IT, facilities, transportation, intelligence, and training.
- Spearheaded personnel development initiatives, selecting and assigning top talent to specialized training programs and leadership roles.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP COACH & SENIOR INSTRUCTOR – EUROPE

- Provided executive coaching, leadership training, and team evaluations to mid-level managers from U.S. and international partner nations, including France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania.
- Led high-intensity training simulations in realistic, controlled environments, improving team performance and risk mitigation under pressure.
- Recognized for designing and executing immersive training environments while maintaining stringent safety and operational standards.

OPERATIONS MANAGER – COMBAT ARMS & PEACE SUPPORT MISSIONS

- Directed operations in Europe, Iraq, leading teams responsible for more than \$10 million in equipment and logistics assets.
- Managed crisis response and mission-critical security operations in high-threat environments.
- Maintained 100% personnel and equipment accountability during combat operations involving tanks and armored vehicles.

IT SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR & KNOWLEDGE MANAGER

- Managed servers, networks, and software systems supporting over 10,000 daily users in a high-demand academic and training environment.
- Oversaw installation, troubleshooting, and cybersecurity of mission-critical systems valued at over \$500,000.
- Delivered user support and trained staff on new technologies and system upgrades.

MID-LEVEL MANAGER & INSTRUCTOR

- Supervised and mentored teams of 20–35 individuals, fostering professional development and career advancement.
- Led logistics and training initiatives, maintaining accountability for over \$32,000 in instructional equipment.
- Honored as “Instructor of the Semester” by the U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Leo's exceptional service has earned him numerous awards, including:

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards)
- Army Commendation & Achievement Medals (10 combined awards)
- Combat Action Badge
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Global War on Terrorism Medals (Expeditionary & Service)
- Order of Saint Maurice (Legionnaire) – National Infantry Association
- Order of Saint George (Knighthood) – Cavalry and Armor Association
- **2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
Awarded by the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce
- **2026 EXCHANGITE OF THE YEAR**
Awarded by the Gatesville Exchange Club



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Leo remains deeply committed to civic service and community enrichment, volunteering with numerous organizations including:

- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Gatesville Exchange Club
- Mission Righteous Roots
- North Fort Cavazos Community Council
- City of Gatesville
- Cen-Tex Crime Stoppers
- Coryell County Emergency Management
- Keep Gatesville Beautiful
- Gatesville ISD – Friends on Duty



CORE COMPETENCIES

- Executive Leadership & Team Development
- Operational & Strategic Planning
- Crisis Management & Conflict Resolution
- IT Systems & Network Administration
- Curriculum Development & Instructional Design
- Cross-Cultural & International Collaboration
- Volunteer Engagement & Community Outreach



Leo Corona continues to inspire others through his commitment to excellence, leadership, and public service. His ability to lead, teach, and serve—across environments ranging from combat zones to classrooms—demonstrates a career built on purpose, resilience, and unwavering dedication.