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## Rene “Mike” Valdez

Mike Valdez is a U.S. Air Force veteran and serves as Civil Air Patrol’s chief logistics officer.

As chief logistics officer, Valdez is responsible for CAP’s enterprise logistics portfolio and the full lifecycle management — procurement, distribution, sustainment, and disposition of all major assets, including small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), vehicles, communications equipment, facilities, real property, and the CAP aircraft fleet, the largest single-engine piston fleet in the world. In this role, he ensures the organization is properly equipped to execute its critical mission of *Serving America’s Communities, Saving Lives, and Shaping Futures*.



He plays a key role in shaping logistics strategy, driving continuous improvement, and aligning logistics execution with the organization’s strategic goals. Valdez provides overall logistics leadership by defining objectives, establishing priorities, proactively addressing emergent challenges, and collaborating with internal and external strategic partners to build an agile and resilient logistics system that supports long-term organizational success.

Valdez joined CAP in September 2022 as director of logistics and mission resources and was promoted to chief logistics officer in 2024.

A 22-year Air Force veteran, Valdez retired as a chief master sergeant, the Air Force’s highest enlisted grade. Throughout his career, he served in senior logistics leadership roles supporting complex, high-demand missions across multiple duty stations including deployed environments supporting a wide range of operations. His background also includes service as a military training instructor for U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training.

Valdez holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in management and leadership from American Military University. He is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP), Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and Resilience Building Leadership Professional Trainer.

He resides with his family in Pensacola, Florida.