

## PERSONAL BACKGROUND

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Carlos Omar Garcia was born to Carlos F. and Criselda S. Garcia in Alice, Texas, on August 21, 1970, at Alice P&S Hospital. Carlos grew up in a home on Plum Street (Alice) near the Rancho Alegre area until he was fifteen when his parents moved to a new home between Alice and Ben Bolt. Carlos was brought up as a Roman Catholic, he was Baptized (1970) at Saint Francis de Paula Catholic Church in San Diego, Texas, and received the preparatory education and sacraments of First Communion (1977) and Confirmation (1984) at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Alice, Texas. Carlos and his family are parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Alice, Texas.

### MARITAL HISTORY

Carlos has been blessed with two marriages, four children, a step-grandson and granddaughter and four Godchildren. Carlos married Jennifer (Vasquez) Garcia of Falfurrias, Texas at a ceremony held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Alice Texas.

Jennifer works for the USDA-Farm Service Agency for Jim Wells, Brooks, and Jim Hogg Counties. Jennifer's community activities include her service as a member of the Jim Wells County Appraisal District board and with the NASCOE where she is the Southwest Area Benefits Chair, the TASCOE where she is the current Vice-President and past District 18 Director, she is a former Secretary for the Brooks County Fair Association and a member of the Alice/Falfurrias/Kingsville Women's ACTS Teams. Jennifer is a former member of the Saint Joseph Catholic School Advisory Board and the Brooks County Child Welfare Board.

Carlos' first wife was Juana "Juanita" M. (Huerta) Garcia of Eagle Pass, Texas, their ceremony was held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Alice, Texas. Juanita was a caseworker with the Texas Department of Human Services and had worked with the Alice Independent School District. Juanita passed away in 1999.

### PARENTS & SIBLINGS

Carlos' mother is Criselda S. Garcia, a retired elementary teacher. Mrs. Garcia taught first and second grade at Salazar Elementary School in Alice,

Texas for three decades and managed Chon-Ji Martial Arts Center. Carlos' father, Carlos F. Garcia, is a retired aluminum worker. Mr. Garcia worked for nearly 40 years at the Reynolds Metals Plant (which became the Sherwin Alumina Company) in Ingleside. Mr. Garcia is a rancher and has been involved with Quarterhorse racing for over 50 years. Carlos has one brother, Orlando G. Garcia, who worked for the City of Alice's Water Department before accepting a position with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to operate the water facility at the Choke Canyon State Park and is a Senior Airman with the United States Air Force Reserve.

Carlos' in-laws from his marriage to Jennifer include his mother-in-law, Mari Lopez; father-in-law, Joseph Vasquez, United States Air Force-Retired, a step-mother-in-law, Brenda Vasquez, an elementary teacher. Brothers-in-law include: Jon Vasquez and Brandon Vasquez; sisters-in-law are: Mandy Ochoa, Amorita Guerra, Bonita Troia, Angie Guerra, and Emily Vasquez. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Carlos' in-laws from his marriage to Juanita include his mother-in-law, Atanacia Huerta, homemaker and father-in-law, Jose Antonio Huerta, a retired welder. Brothers-in-law are: Antonio "Tony" Huerta, Cesar Huerta, Jorge Huerta, and Rogelio Huerta; sisters-in-law are: Mary Huerta, Irene Olivo, and Elida Huerta. Numerous nieces and nephews.

## GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS & UNCLES

Carlos' paternal grandparents were Cesar Garcia (deceased), a rancher in the Bandera area of Duval County, Texas and Domitila (Cadena) Garcia (deceased), a homemaker from the Palito Blanco area. They had three children: Carlos F. Garcia, Arturo C. Garcia (married to Wanda Garcia) and Clementina G. Munoz (married to Robert Munoz).

Carlos' maternal grandparents were Reynaldo Saenz (deceased) a welder/mechanic who retired from Adcock Pipe & Supply after over 40 years of service and Leonila (Lopez) Saenz (deceased) a homemaker. Both were from the La Mota-Benavides area of Duval County, Texas. They had one child, Criselda S. Garcia.

## PRIMARY EDUCATION

Carlos began and completed his preliminary education through the Alice Independent School District and is a 1988 Alice High School graduate. He attended Salazar Elementary School during grades K-5th, Memorial Middle

School. for grades 6th-7th, William Adams Junior High for grades 8th-9th, and Alice High School for 10th-12th.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Carlos is a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus (KC) member of Council 3169 and Assembly 1121 where he is a member of the Color Guard. Carlos is also a Youth Leader with the Columbian Squires Circle 1610. He is a member of the Kingsville/Alice/Falfurrias ACTS Retreat Team and has assisted with ACTS Retreats from the surrounding areas. He is a member of the Alice Kiwanis Club and a former member of the Saint Joseph Catholic School Advisory Board. Carlos has volunteered thousands of hours with the various projects associated with the organizations mentioned as well as over 1,000 hours of pro bono legal services and nearly 75 free safety courses offered over the past 20 years. Carlos is also a former Cub Scout Cubmaster for Pack 124. Carlos also serves as a member of the board of directors for Community Action Corporation of South Texas.

## MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL

Carlos and his family ran the Chon-Ji Martial Arts Center between 2000 and 2013. Carlos began his martial arts education over 35 years ago, throughout that time he has studied a variety of different martial arts systems. He has been an instructor since 1987, is a master level instructor and is currently a candidate for 6th Degree Black Belt.

## INTERESTS

- Knights of Columbus Council 3169- Member
- Knights of Columbus Assembly 1121- Member
- Columbian Squires Circle 1610- Youth Leader
- Alice Kiwanis Club- Member
- United States National Taekwondo Fed.- Member
- Chon-Ji Martial Arts Center- Head Instructor
- Traditional and Modern Tactical Weapons Instructor
- NRA Member
- Firearm Range Safety Officer
- NRA Pistol Instructor
- Pistol Expert-NRA
- Rifle Expert-NRA
- NRA Refuse to Be a Victim Instructor
- Certified Cyber-Bully Prevention Instructor
- Serving Up Justice BBQ Cooking Team-Founding Member and Head

Cook

- Karate for Christ-Member
- Jim Wells County Fair Association- Member
- Padre Island Ukulele Club- Member
- Other interests include: hunting, fishing, camping, competitive shooting, canoeing/kayaking, learning to play the ukulele