

## About the author



Jesus Romero retired after more than 37 years of combined U.S. government service. Jesus enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and received a commission from Norfolk State University and was designated a Naval Intelligence Officer. He also served in the Army's Civil Service as an Army Intelligence Operations Specialist. Jesus rose through the military ranks and had a distinguished service and diplomatic career.

Jesus became an officer through the Navy's Enlisted Commissioning Program, graduating with honors from Norfolk State University receiving a Bachelor in Arts degree in Political Science.

Subsequently, Jesus graduated from the Naval Aviation Pre-Flight Indoctrination course from the Naval Aviation Schools Command and followed through intermediate training squadrons VT-10 and VT-86. Jesus served onboard a nuclear missile cruiser, amphibious operations ships and staff squadrons, attack fixed wing bombing squadron and carrier air wing. Jesus deployed to Libya, Bosnia, Iraq, and Somalia.

Jesus served tours with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Panama, the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific in Hawaii, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. Jesus led U.S. government operational efforts in accounting of missing U.S. personnel with Burma, Cambodia, China, Laos, North Korea, and Vietnam gaining access for investigation and recovery operations.

Jesus retired from active-duty service in 2006. Jesus received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Navy Commendation and Achievement medals, War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two Armed Forces Service Medals, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the NATO Medal, three Sea Service Ribbons, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Defense Service Medals, a Good Conduct Medal, the Small Craft Officer Insignia, and the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Breast Insignia. Following his retirement from the Navy, Jesus worked as a defense contractor for British Aerospace Systems (BAE) North American Division in Washington DC and Booz Allen Hamilton in Miami.

Jesus's lifetime career includes 15 years in civil service with the Department of the Army as an Intelligence Operations Specialist at the Joint Interagency Task Force SOUTH. Jesus served as an intelligence program manager and as a targeting analyst while assigned to headquarters in Key West, Florida. He supervised tactical team analysts in Central and South America as well as Mexico.

His diplomatic overseas assignments included Lima, Peru; Guayaquil, Ecuador; and Guatemala City as head of agency and tactical analyst. Jesus's personal awards and recognition include the Joint Chiefs Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, the Army's Superior Civilian Service Medal, and the State Department's Franklin Award. He was recognized four times by the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy and was decorated by the Colombian, Ecuadorian, and Guatemalan

governments for his support to the counternarcotics mission. Jesus was also recognized by the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Texas for exemplary performance and dedicated services in the United States v. Debra Lynn Mercer Aircraft Guaranty Corporation and Wright Brothers Inc., et. al. Jesus received one of the highest Colombian Air Force Service awards presented by Colombian President Gustavo Petro in 2022.

Jesus authored this book to honor those he served with over the years and to shed light on events which led to disrupting more than 120 ton cocaine airbridge per year destined to the United States. Jesus and his team successfully targeted an international criminal organization operating in several countries and in the United States dismantling and disrupting criminal activities on behalf of Mexican Cartels.