

Military Equestrian League Colombia



Military Equestrian Team Project- Dr. Cesar Parra
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It has been almost two years since the beginning of one of the most important equestrian projects of the National Colombian Cavalry. Cavalry that, for over two centuries on a horse's back, has played a key role not only in the fight for our independence, the safety and protection of our country, but also in the fomentation of the equestrian sport nationally. Today our horses and soldiers continue with their constitutional duty of protecting the life of our citizens and the integrity of our territories. Hence, our Military Equestrian Team continues representing the Army and Colombia in national and international equestrian competitions.

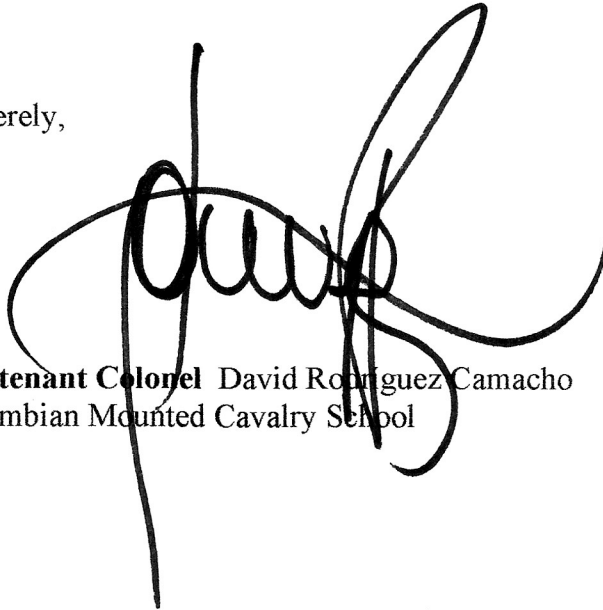
It is because of this dream of conquering that desired Victory that we began a training and development project that will prepare riders and horses with the highest standards of competency. This is a complete methodological plan that will allow our military equestrian team to be at the highest level. However, it is not easy to build such an ambitious project as, in order to achieve excellency, one needs more than a simple plan; one needs dedication, passion, consistency, discipline, humbleness, respect, values and principles, honor, courage and, more importantly, the commitment of caring, loving and protecting a great partner, our beloved horse.

And so, it is no easy task. Nonetheless, just one call was enough, one simple call from a friend, my dear and respected Dr. Cesar Parra. That day our story changed and such an ambitious project became a reality. We found everything we were looking for in a man that, with a generous heart, his altruist spirit and respect towards our riders and horses, believed in our project and, since the first day, engraved in stone his commitment with our team.

It has been almost two years with our educator, our friend and adviser. We have been building this great dream. The great victories have not come just yet, but I am sure they will come and, for us, for the military equestrian team, we have already won. As life put in our way the person that renewed our faith, that taught us to believe, that has dedicated without a break months of work. Not of any work, but as Cesar likes to say, of "perfect work, because it is the perfect practice what achieves perfection." We already won because we have grown spiritually, we have grown as people, as athletes since Cesar not only shares with us all his experience and knowledge as an international, professional rider but also he dedicates most of his time to educate more than riders; he dedicates most of his time to educate better human beings. We already won because our horses have been the protagonists since everything revolves around loving them, respecting them, and taking good care of them, because without them we are a mere citizen and with them we are everything.

In this way, our project is going very well. Thank you in the name of all the soldiers that have had the honor of sharing with you Dr. Cesar Parra. Thank you for teaching us, thank you for stop your schedule to dedicate all that quality time, here, at the house of the horses of the Colombian Army. Thank you for taking us in and giving us the opportunity of training at your house, of living firsthand the experience of the sport at its maximum expression. Thank you Dr. Cesar Parra, the Cavalry will forever be grateful, as well as we have been able to give you our most precious medals. Thank you my friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Rodriguez Camacho', with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Lieutenant Colonel David Rodriguez Camacho
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