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Carlos C. Villarreal, 44, of Los Angeles, California, was sworn in today as the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administrator. The oath of office was administered by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration is charged with facilitating development of urban transportation systems which will foster desired patterns of urban development, substantially improve the movement of people and goods in cities and be compatible with regional and national transportation networks.

Villarreal was formerly the Vice-President for Marketing and Administration for the Marquardt Corporation, a research and development corporation. Based in Los Angeles, he directed field office activities in that city and in Washington, D. C., Houston, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. He joined Marquardt in 1966.

A 1948 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, Villarreal served in the Navy from 1948 to 1957 in various capacities as an officer aboard destroyers; as Commanding Officer of two auxiliary mine sweepers -- U. S. S. Rhea and U. S. S. Ospray; as Commander, Mine Division 31; and as an instructor at the Naval Academy.

After resigning his naval commission in 1957, he worked until 1966 for General Electric Company, where he developed a marine version of the J79 turbojet engine. Newer versions of this engine have been installed in the Navy's PGM gunboats and were the first aircraft gas-turbine conversions to be installed in displacement craft.

Villarreal was born in Brownsville, Texas, is married and has two children. He is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; the Navy League of the United States; and the Association of the United States Army.

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