

FIRST SERGEANT JORGE L. VALDEZ

First Sergeant Jorge L. Valdez enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 16, 1998 from Houston, Texas and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego for recruit training. He was assigned to Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

After graduation from MCRD San Diego, Private Valdez was assigned the Military Occupation Specialty of Administration Clerk (0151). He reported to Personnel Administration School at Camp Johnson, NC for training.

In September 1998, Pvt Valdez reported to the Marine Helicopter Squadron 266, New River Air Station, North Carolina; serving as 0151 Administration Clerk. He was then assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Nassau for an eight-month deployment overseas from September 1998 to May 1999 as the TAD, promotions, awards, files, publications, directive, travel claim, separations, and correspondence clerk. Upon redeployment, he returned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 as an Administrative Clerk in the S-1. A year later he was once again assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Kearsarge for a seven-month deployment overseas from April 2001 to October 2001 as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for TAD, promotions, awards, files, publications, directive, travel claim, separations, and correspondence clerk. Upon redeployment and back to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266, he became the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for the S-1 from October 2001 to March 2002. During his two deployments he earned the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, NATO Medal and the Kosovo Campaign Medal.

In March 2002, Sgt Valdez reported to Houston Military Entrance Processing Station as a Test Administrator and Operations Specialist from April 2002 to June 2005.

In July 2005, Sgt Valdez reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California for Drill Instructor School. After graduation Sgt Valdez was assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment from October 2005 to November 2008. During his tour as a Drill Instructor, Sergeant Valdez served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Routing Drill Instructor and S-1 Noncommissioned Officer in Charge.

In October 2008, Staff Sergeant Valdez reported to 3d Marine Division for duty as the G-1 Adjutant Chief and was next assigned to Headquarters Battalion S-1 as the SNCOIC in August 2010. In April 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan with Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 for 12 months where he was the Marine Liaison for all Marines under this command. Staff Sergeant Valdez additionally served as the lead coordinator for all movements outside the compound and as the Troop Commander during these high-risk movements. Gunnery Sergeant Valdez was promoted on 1 January 2012. Following his 12 month deployment to Afghanistan on May 2012 Gunnery Sergeant Valdez reported back to Headquarters Battalion 3d Marine Division as the Company Gunnery Sergeant. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan he attended the Career Course.

In August 2012, Gunnery Sergeant Valdez was transferred to Headquarter and Headquarters Squadron, Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC) MCAS Miramar, CA on 13 August 2012 as Pay/TAD SNCOIC, Inbound SNCOIC and Customer Service SNCOIC. In January 2013 GySgt Valdez was reassigned as the Squadron Gunnery Sergeant.

In March 2015, Gunnery Sergeant Valdez was handpicked to work at the Pentagon as the Admin Chief to the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. GySgt Valdez upon arrival was sent to Officer Candidate School in May 2015 to train officer candidates. In July 2015, GySgt Valdez was sent back to the Pentagon as the Admin Chief to the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

First Sergeant Valdez was frocked to his present grade on 13 July 2016 and is currently assigned as the I&I 1stSgt for Detachment 1, Maintenance Company, Combat Logistic Battalion 453, Abilene, TX.

First Sergeant Valdez' is currently retired after 22 years of service and his personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal w/1 Oak leaf cluster in lieu of second award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/2 gold star in lieu of third award.

He is married to the former Jessica A. Valdez and they currently have one child after 24 years of marriage Penelope Luisa Valdez who is two years old.