

Master Sergeant Edward Castaneda - MATSG-22 Senior Enlisted Advisor

Edward Castaneda enlisted in November 1995 and underwent recruit training at Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.

In March 1996, Private Castaneda completed Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was ordered to Marine Combat Service Support School, Camp Lejeune, NC., for training in Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 0131, Unit Diary Clerk.

Private First Class Castaneda was transferred in June 1996, to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, where he served as a Unit Diary Clerk, and Unit Diary Chief respectively during his tour.

In July 1998, Corporal Castaneda was assigned to Inspector-Instructor Staff, Waukegan, IL. Corporal Castaneda performed the duties of Unit Diary Chief, Drug Demand Reduction NCO, Adopt a School NCO, Funeral Detail NCO, and Community Outreach NCO. Corporal Castaneda was recognized via personal correspondence by the Commandant of the Marine Corps for his efforts in supporting the local community.

In July 2001, Sergeant Castaneda received orders to Recruiter School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. Upon completion of Recruiter School, he was assigned to Recruiting Station Chicago. During his tour, Sergeant Castaneda was selected as Recruiter of the Month on various occasions and Rookie Recruiter of the Year for 2002.

In September 2004, Staff Sergeant Castaneda was assigned to Marine Aviation Training Support Group-21, Pensacola, FL., and served as an Administrative Chief.

In August 2007, Gunnery Sergeant Castaneda was transferred to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, Okinawa, JA. While there he served as the Adjutant, Legal Chief, and S-1 Chief respectively.

Upon completion of his tour, Gunnery Sergeant Castaneda was transferred to HQSPT Bn, MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC. While assigned there he assumed the duties of Separations Chief and Outbound Chief. During his tour Gunnery Sergeant Castaneda deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit ISO Operation Unified Response, and to the EUCOM, CENTCOM AOR.

Master Sergeant Castaneda assumed his current post as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for Marine Aviation Training Support Group-22, Corpus Christi, TX, on 31 December 2011.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.