



SERGEANT MAJOR
Juan C. Alvarado
USMC

Sergeant Major Juan C. Alvarado enlisted in the Marine Corps in May of 1989 and reported for recruit training at MCRD San Diego. He attended Motor Transport School as an operator at Camp Lejeune NC and graduated in December of 1989. His first duty station was with 3rd Tank Battalion, in 29 Palms CA. While serving in 3rd Tanks, he deployed in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. His next duty station was with 1st Tank Battalion; during this assignment, he deployed to Somalia, Africa in support of Operation Restore Hope with Task Force Mogadishu. He then transferred to 8th & I Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. and served as a Motor Transport Section Chief. While stationed at 8th & I, he was selected to be the driver for the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps during this assignment he served at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. He then received orders to attend Marine Security Guard School as Detachment Commander and his first assignment was in Brasilia, Brazil. After completing his first post, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and received orders to his second post in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. His next duty station was with the 4th MEB, Camp Lejeune NC as the Motor Transport Operation's Chief; during this period he was also deployed to the Horn of Africa as the SNCO in charge of the Protective Security Detail for the Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. Upon his return, he was briefly assigned to SOTG, II MEF and was deployed to Colombia, South America. He then returned to the 4th MEB as the Current Operations Chief G-4 and was selected to the rank of First Sergeant. Consequently, received orders to the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Region 6, Pretoria, South Africa; where he served in 14

countries within the Sub-Saharan, Africa Region. His next duty station was in Camp Lejeune, NC with 2nd Bn 8th Marines "Company G". While in this assignment, he was selected to the rank of Sergeant Major. He was then assigned to 1st Battalion 10th Marines' and took his post in December 2008. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 10.2 in November 2010. In October 2011 SgtMaj Alvarado received orders for his current post to Infantry Training Battalion (SOI-East).

His personal awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.