

RECOMMENDATION NARRATIVE FOR THE 2008 NATIONAL IMAGE, INC MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD; CASE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PEDRO HERNANDEZ USMC

As a multi-cultural community host: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez has selflessly dedicated his off-duty time in promoting the tenets of race relations, equal opportunity, and public service by actively supporting the House of Puerto Rico, San Diego. The House of Puerto Rico, San Diego is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to furthering cooperation and understanding between national groups in the United States. This organization offers visitors a learning window into Puerto Rico's culture, history and traditions every Sunday afternoon. During calendar years 2006 and 2007, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez volunteered his off-duty hours in personally hosting thousands of San Diego residents and tourists visiting and participating in the park activities sponsored by the San Diego House of Pacific Relations and the House of Puerto Rico. These activities for visitors that he volunteered for included Ethnic Food Festivals, Dia de San Juan Picnics, Three Kings Holiday Celebrations, Annual Lawn Programs featuring folk music and dancing, Fiesta de Navidad, and Latino Film Festivals.

As a community volunteer: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez also supported the disadvantaged children of Vista, CA. The majority of these children are Spanish speaking and learning to speak English. Sadly, they come from poverty stricken neighborhoods overwhelmed with street gangs and living in single parent households. Recognizing the dire circumstances of these children, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez helped support the coordination of four free soccer clinics for these children to participate in during the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Vista Sherriff Station Soccer Fest. These clinics were attended by over 400 children and taught by coaches with the North San Diego Futbol Club. In addition to supporting disadvantaged children, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez also arranged for residents of Oceanside, CA and Vista, CA to publicly view close order drill movements performed by a platoon of Marine Corporals, attending the Corporals Course of Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton and the performance of the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton Color Guard. This performance and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez' participation received verbal praise by the Mayor of Vista, CA and the Vista Sherriff Station. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez continues to serve the local community as a coach for the French Valley Girls Softball Association, located in Murrieta, CA.

As a Marine Corps Leader: Recognizing that diversity is critical to mission accomplishment, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez actively promotes Marine Corps programs that affect the advancement of minorities and women. During 2006 and 2007, while serving as the Deputy Director of Marine Aircraft Group 39, Consolidate Personnel Administration Center, he personally mentored over 50 Marines. Of these 50 Marines, 17 enlisted Marines of Hispanic, Asian and Indian descents earned meritorious promotions and 2 Hispanic Marines earned selection to Marine Corps Officer Commissioning Programs. Other noteworthy equal opportunity achievements that were credited to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez include 2 female Marines being selected as Marine and Marine Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter. Additionally, as a former Marine Corps recruiter, he applied his experience in retention and career building to guide Marines towards furthering their career goals as Marines. As a result of his efforts, 6 First Term Marines reenlisted for 2007 and 2008 and are now serving our Nation in winning the fight against global terrorism.

In summary, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez has made a significant impact in advancing the civil rights of Hispanics and other races, as well as endorsing the full integration and promotion of minorities and women within the Marine Corps. Additionally, he has fostered a positive relationship between the Marine Corps and civilian community. He is an outstanding Marine and a Great Samaritan, and we owe a special thanks to him for his selfless service to Country, Corps, and Community.



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1. GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THE REFERENCE SOLICITED ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL IMAGE INCORPORATED MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD. THE AWARD RECIPIENT WAS SELECTED UTILIZING THE AWARD CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY NATIONAL IMAGE. WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S AWARD RECIPIENT IS CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PEDRO HERNANDEZ, INSTALLATION PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION CENTER, MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP PENDLETON.

2. THE NATIONAL IMAGE, INC. MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 PEDRO HERNANDEZ AT THE ANNUAL MILITARY AWARDS BANQUET HELD AT THE SOUTH POINT HOTEL AND CASINO IN LAS VEGAS, NV, ON 17 APRIL 2008. CMC (MPE) WILL PROVIDE TAD FUNDING FOR THE AWARD RECIPIENT AND ONE FAMILY MEMBER. CWO2 HERNANDEZ SHOULD CONTACT THE CMC (MPE) POC ASAP TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. POC CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL: MICHAEL.FAMULARO@USMC.MIL

3. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD RECIPIENT AND HIS COMMAND.

4. RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY MR. M. F. APPLGATE, DIRECTOR, MANPOWER PLANS AND POLICY DIVISION.//

## BIOGRAPHY

Chief Warrant Officer-2 Pedro Hernandez was born in Brooklyn, NY, and enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1986. In November 1986, he reported to India Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He completed recruit training in February 1987 and was promoted to Private First Class.

In May 1987, Private First Class Hernandez completed the Personnel Administration School at Camp Pendleton, CA. In June 1987, he reported to his first duty station in Kaneohe Bay, HI for assignment as a Unit Diary Clerk for the Personnel Administration Office of 1<sup>st</sup> Radio Battalion. During this assignment, he was promoted to the ranks of Lance Corporal and Corporal. He was also advanced to the job position of Unit Diary Chief.

In June 1990, Corporal Hernandez received orders to Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA for duty as a research analyst for Manpower Information Systems Support Office-03 (MISSO-03). In December 1992, he deployed to Somalia with the I Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Restore Hope. During this combat deployment, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In June 1993, Sergeant Hernandez received orders for assignment to the Inspector-Instructor Staff, 6<sup>th</sup> Communications Battalion, Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY. He was appointed for duties as the Unit Diary Chief, Orders Chief, Assistant Personnel Chief and Toys for Tots coordinator.

In August 1996, Sergeant Hernandez reported for duty with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Marines, Okinawa, JA as the Personnel Chief of the Consolidated Administration Department.

In September 1997, he returned to Camp Pendleton, CA and was assigned as the Database/Operations Chief for Manpower Information Systems Support Office-03 (MISSO-03). During this tour, he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In October 1999, Staff Sergeant Hernandez reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego for Recruiters School. Following completion of Recruiters School, he was assigned to 12<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District. In August 2001, he was hand selected to be the Staff Noncommissioned Officer In Charge of Recruiting Sub-Station Oceanside, CA. In October 2002, he was reassigned as the Marine Liaison, Assistant Staff Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, San Diego Military Entrance Processing Station. During this tour, he was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and was selected for appointment to the rank of Warrant Officer.

In February 2003, Gunnery Sergeant Hernandez was appointed to Warrant Officer and directed to attend the Warrant Officer Basic Course at The Basic School, Quantico, VA. Following completion of The Basic School, Warrant Officer Hernandez was further directed to attend the Personnel Officer Course, Camp Johnson, NC. In July 2003, he completed the Personnel Officer Course and reported for duty as a Personnel Officer assigned to the Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, Marine Aircraft Group-39, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing. During this tour, he served in a variety of job assignments that included: Deputy Director and Officer-in-Charge of the Inbound, Customer Service and Records sections. Additionally, he was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer-2.

In October 2007, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez reported to Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA for duty as the Systems Integration Officer for the Installation Personnel Administration Center.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez' personal awards include: Navy Commendation Medal with 4 stars and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 3 stars.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Hernandez is married to the former Madeline Reyes of Brooklyn, NY and has three daughters, Jessica, Desiree and Emily.