

Gunnery Sergeant Yesenia Rodriguez-Hower

GySgt Yesenia Rodriguez-Hower enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1995 and attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion of Marine Combat Training, Private First Class Rodriguez reported to the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia where she completed the Musician's Basic Course of instruction in the Fall of 1995. Following graduation, LCpl Rodriguez reported to her first fleet assignment as a flute player with the 1st Marine Division Band in Camp Pendleton, California.

In January of 1999, Sgt Rodriguez joined the Marine Corps Reserves and received orders for Active Duty Special Work as a 0121, Personnel Administrator at MCAS El Toro, California. In March of 1999, Sgt Rodriguez reenlisted into Active Duty and returned to the 1st Marine Division Band.

Sgt Rodriguez received her next fleet assignment in July of 1999 and reported to the Marine Forces Pacific Band, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. While there, Sgt Rodriguez served the Band as a Section Leader and the Platoon Sergeant.

In October of 2002, Sgt Rodriguez-Hower reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Band, Parris Island, South Carolina. There, she was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in October of 2003. While a member of the MCRD Band, SSgt Rodriguez-Hower served as Section Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Training Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, and the Supply Assistant Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge.

SSgt Rodriguez-Hower next attended the Unit Leader's Course at the Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, Virginia in January 2005. Upon completion of the course in August of that year, SSgt Rodriguez-Hower received her assignment with the Albany Marine Band, Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, Georgia. As a member of the Albany Marine Band, SSgt Rodriguez-Hower has served as the Training Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, the unit Equal Opportunity Representative, Supply and Budgeting Staff Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge.

In July 2009, SSgt Rodriguez-Hower transferred to Twentynine Palms California, where she was promoted to her current rank of Gunnery Sergeant. GySgt Rodriguez-Hower Served as Acting Enlisted Conductor, Woodwind Section Commander and Admin Chief.

In April 2011, GySgt Rodriguez-Hower reported to the Quantico Marine Corps Band, Quantico, Virginia, where she served as the Acting Enlisted Conductor and Small Ensemble Leader. In February 2012, GySgt Rodriguez-Hower volunteered and was assigned to work as a full-time Uniformed Victim Advocate for the Marine Corps Base Quantico Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO).

GySgt Rodriguez-Hower hails from Tyler, Texas and is married to Mr. Ryan Hower. They have two children, ages 4 and 6.