First Sergeant Levi Lazaro

Director, SNCOA Twentynine Palms

First Sergeant Levi Lazaro is from Chicago, Illinois. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and reported to 1st Battalion, Alpha Company, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California on March 11, 2002.

Following three weeks of Marine Combat Training, Private First Class Lazaro reported for instruction at Motor Transport Operator's Course in Fort Leonard Wood, MS in July 2002. After graduation in September 2002, he reported for duty with 4th Marine Regiment in Okinawa, Japan.

In December 2005, Sergeant Lazaro was transferred to Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, CA. As a Motor Transport Operator, he deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 5-7 from September 2006 to March 2007. He once again deployed to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, taking part in Operation NATIONAL RESOLUTION from September 2008 to April 2009.

In July 2009, Sergeant Lazaro reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California for Drill Instructor School Class 4-09. Upon successful completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to "L" Company. He served in the billets of Drill Instructor, Experienced Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Chief Drill Instructor. In October 2010, Sergeant Lazaro was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Following his successful special duty assignment, Staff Sergeant Lazaro was transferred to General Support Motor Transport (GSMT) Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 1 in March 2013. He has served as Platoon Sergeant, Truck Master, UMCC Chief, Company Gunnery Sergeant, and Company First Sergeant. Furthermore, he led the unit through the transition from GSMT to Motor Transport Company A, 1st Transportation Support Battalion. In April 2016 he was promoted to rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

In September 2016, Gunnery Sergeant Lazaro reported to the University of Utah NROTC, as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor and Senior Enlisted Leader.

In July 2020, First Sergeant Lazaro reported to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Where he served as the Company First Sergeant for Company B and Headquarters and Service Company. He deployed in support of Marine Rotational Force-Darwin 21.2 from May to October 2021 and UDP-H from Dec 2022 to June 2023 with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

In September 2023, First Sergeant Lazaro assumed the duty as Director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, MCAGCC 29 Palms.

First Sergeant Lazaro's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of third award), the Navy Achievement Medal (Gold Star in lieu of third award).