Gunnery Sergeant Samantha D. Torres

Deputy Director, SNCO Academy Hawaii

Gunnery Sergeant Torres was born in Secaucus, NJ. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 2009 and attended Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, NC. Upon completing recruit training and Marine Combat Training in July 2009, she reported to Intelligence School at Dam Neck, VA., where she earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0231, intelligence specialist.

In November 2009, Private First Class Torres reported to Marine Wing Headquarters and Support Squadron in Okinawa, Japan. She served as an intelligence specialist, JADOCs Operator, and Korean Peninsula analyst. In March 2011, she was meritoriously promoted to corporal. In June 2011, Corporal Torres reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force Intelligence Center aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. Corporal Torres served as the Pacific Command senior analyst and collaborated with the Marine Corps Intelligence Agency and Defense Intelligence Agency on multiple intelligence products published throughout the intelligence community.

In May 2013, she was promoted to sergeant and executed PCA orders to 1st Intelligence Battalion, Production and Analysis Company. Sergeant Torres was selected as the Marine Headquarters Group NCO of the Quarter and later the I Marine Expeditionary Force NCO of the Year. In October 2013, Sergeant Torres deployed to Afghanistan as a senior analyst and human intelligence liaison with 1st Intelligence Battalion. During the deployment, Sergeant Torres worked with the British Royal Marines to develop target packages for the Regional Command Southwest (RC-SW) area of operations in Helmand Province. Upon return from the deployment, Sergeant Torres participated in the first four iterations of unit-led Corporal's Courses in the Marine Corps at 1st Intelligence Battalion.

In July 2015, Sergeant Torres received PCA orders to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 (HMLA-369), Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, CA. While at HMLA-369, Sergeant Torres served as the Squadron Intelligence Chief and assistant security manager. In June 2016, Sergeant Torres was promoted to staff sergeant.

In October 2016, Staff Sergeant Torres reported to Drill Instructor School, MCRD Parris Island, SC. She was assigned to Company O, 4th Recruit Training Battalion upon graduation. While serving as a drill instructor, she served four cycles as a drill instructor, one as an experienced drill instructor, and two as a senior drill instructor. While on quota, Staff Sergeant Torres served as the chief academic instructor for the Recruit Training Regiment. While there, she redesigned the recruit practical application testing to a more realistic assessment for the regiment.

In February 2020, Staff Sergeant Torres reported to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (3/3) in Marine Corps Base Hawaii. In October 2020, she attended the Intelligence Tactics Instructor Course and earned the MOS of 0233, intelligence tactic instructor.

In January 2021, she was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant. In 3/3, she participated in two Unit Deployment Programs (UDP) to Okinawa, Japan. She also developed a new infantry standard operating procedure (SOP) for Company Level Intelligence Cells (CLIC) to operate. Gunnery Sergeant Torres served as the intelligence chief, assistant security manager, and battalion's equal opportunity representative.

In January 2023, Gunnery Sergeant Torres reported to the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Hawaii, to serve as a Faculty Advisor. In May of 2025 Gunnery Sergeant Torres earn the title of Master Faculty Advisor and currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Hawaii Academy.

Gunnery Sergeant Torres' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with four gold stars in lieu of fifth award, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Gunnery Sergeant Torres has earned a bachelor's degree in the Science of Professional Studies and a Masters in Homeland Security from Trident University and is currently working on her Masters in Business Management.