Master Gunnery Sergeant Ieremia K. Pa'u

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Master Gunnery Sergeant Ieremia K. Pa'u enlisted in the Marine Corps on December 14, 1999 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. Upon completion, he received training at the School of Infantry-West, Camp Pendleton, California. After graduating from Light Armored Reconnaissance Training Company he received orders in June of 2000 to 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During his tour with 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion he held the billets of Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) crewman and LAV Gunner. He deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion 8th Marines in support of the Iraq invasion. He was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal and Corporal during his tenure with 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

Following his assignment at 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u received orders to Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii where he served from Jan 2004 through April 2008. Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u served as the training noncommissioned officer in the battalion S3. After being promoted to the rank of Sergeant he became a Primary Marksmanship Instructor and a Combat Marksmanship Coach Instructor at Puuloa Rifle Range, Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u deployed to Korea for exercise ULCHI Focus Lens and to Thailand as part of Marine Instructor Team.

In April of 2008 Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u received orders to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California from March 2008 through October 2014. He held the billets of Vehicle Commander, Section Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Company Operations Chief, Company 1st Sergeant, and Battalion Assistant Operations Chief. Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan and with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion 4th Marines. He was promoted to the ranks of Staff Sergeant and Gunnery Sergeant during his tenure with 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u received orders to Weapons Field Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina from October 2014 through April 2017. During his assignment at Weapons Field Training Battalion he filled the billets of the Range Staff Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, Range Company Operations Chief, Range Officer In Charge, Range Company 1st Sergeant, Field Training Company Platoon Sergeant, and Field Training Company Operations Chief. He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant and received orders back to 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u reported to 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in April of 2017 as the Company Operations Chief, Bravo Company. He deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Battalion Landing Team, 2d Battalion 6th Marines. Upon returning from deployment, Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u served as the Battalion Logistics Chief until his selection to his current rank. In July of 2020 Master Gunnery Sergeant Pa'u was transferred to his current post as the Deputy Director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Paus' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars in lieu of forth award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.