



HMCN (FMF/SW/AW) Fernanda J. Casad

A native of Sonora, Mexico, Master Chief Casad relocated to Kingsport, Tennessee, in August of 1997. She graduated from Daniel Boone High School, Class of 1999, and joined the United States Navy in November 1999, completing basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, in January 2000.

Following recruit training, Master Chief Casad attended Hospital Corpsman training and reported to Arlington Navy Annex, Arlington, Virginia, in August 2000. Follow on tours include: Fleet Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton, California; Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 373, Miramar, California; Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois; USS PELELIU (LHA5), San Diego, California; Naval Medical Center San Diego, San Diego, California; and 1st Dental Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California.

During her tour in MWSS 373, she completed two tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. As a Recruit Division Commander, Master Chief Casad transformed over 900 civilians into trained Sailors. In September 2011, Master Chief Casad was selected to Chief Petty Officer and was assigned as Leading Petty Officer (LCPO) onboard USS PELELIU (LHA5). She completed and led her team in two successful Western Pacific deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. From June 2013 to October 2016 she served as Leading Chief Petty Officer San Diego Naval Base Clinic LCPO, Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) for Directorate of Quality Management and Special Assistants and Command Career Counselor. Upon reporting to 1st Dental Battalion, she was selected to the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer and served as Activity Manning Manager, SEL for Director of Branch Clinics and Director for Administration. On 14 November 2018, she assumed the role of Command Master Chief for Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, on the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California.

Master Chief Casad reported to Surface Warfare Medical Institute on 31 August 2021 where she serves as the Senior Enlisted Leader.

Master Chief Casad is a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy. Her personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Recruit Training ribbon and various unit, service, and campaign ribbons.