



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo **Senior Enlisted Advisor to DeCA Director**

Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo is the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted adviser to the director, a position he's held since September 2020. He is responsible for advising the DeCA director on all service members' needs related to the commissary benefit and serving as the agency liaison with the senior enlisted chiefs of the armed services. The commissary system includes more than 13,000 employees, a headquarters, five areas and nearly 240 commissaries located in 13 countries around the world.

Sgt. Maj. Saucedo enlisted in the Marine Corps in March 1991. After basic training, he attended Marine Corps Communication Electronic Schools, 29 Palms, California, where he completed the Field Radio Operator Course.

Throughout his career, Sgt. Maj. Saucedo has held a variety of unit- and command-level assignments in the continental United States and overseas.

In January 1994, Sgt. Maj. Saucedo was assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). He participated in contingency operations in the Indian Ocean vicinity of Mogadishu, Somalia (Operation Restore Hope). His unit also participated in Operations Provide Promise and Deny Flight as a component of Joint Task Force Provide Promise.

In April 1997, Sgt. Maj. Saucedo reported to the Marine Security Guard (MSG) School in Quantico, Virginia. During his tour as a Marine security guard, he served at American Embassies in Mexico City, Mexico; Nicosia, Cyprus; and Tokyo, Japan. In June 2000, he was assigned to Dhaka, Bangladesh, as a detachment commander. Sgt. Maj. Saucedo was selected as Charlie Company's MSG of the Year 2000 and later received a meritorious promotion to gunnery sergeant.

In November 2002, he deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom during which he would go on to be selected to the I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Commanding General's Jump Command Post Communications Staff as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge. Sgt. Maj. Saucedo would later be selected first sergeant of Company C and later Company B in the 9th Communications Battalion, I MEF Headquarters Group.

As the Aviation Combat Element sergeant major for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), he participated in Operation Tomodachi, the disaster relief mission in Japan following the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami.

In 2012, Sgt. Maj. Saucedo deployed to South Korea where he served as the Marine Aircraft Group Task Force sergeant major during Exercise Ssang Yong '13 with the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and Republic of Korea Marine Corps. In June 2014, he transferred to Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. In December 2016, Sgt. Maj. Saucedo served as the sergeant major, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (3 gold stars)

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 gold stars)

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 gold stars)

MILITARY EDUCATION/TRAINING

2019, Asian-Pacific Orientation Course

2018, Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course

2017, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education II (Non-Resident)

2017, Senior Officer Legal Course

2010, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education I (Non-Resident)

2010, USMC Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education (Resident)

2010, Casualty Assistant Calls Officer

2009, Senior Enlisted Leader Course Military Justice and Civil Law

2007, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy E-8 Western Regional Seminar
2006, Equal Opportunity Senior Leaders Course
2005, Family Readiness Officer Training Course
2005, First Sergeant Course
2004, Radio Chief Course
2003, Warfighting Skills Program
2002, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Advance (Resident)
2001, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Advance (Non-Resident)
1997, Marine Security Guard School
1997, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Career (Non-Resident)
1996, Sergeant Course (Resident)
1995, SINCGARS and NET Course
1993, Sergeant Course (Non-Resident)
1993, Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival
1992, Position Location Reporting Systems Master Station Operator Course
1992, Marksmanship Instructor Course
1991, Field Radio Operator

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

2016 - 2020, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea
2014 - 2016, Sergeant Major, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California
2012 - 2014, Battalion Sergeant Major, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), where he also performed duties as Camp Sergeant Major, Camp Courtney and McTureous, Okinawa, Japan
2011 - 2012, Sergeant Major, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Aviation Group (MAG)-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW), III MEF, Okinawa, Japan
2010 - 2011, Aviation Combat Element Sergeant Major, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, MAG-36, 1st MAW, III MEF, Okinawa, Japan
June 2008 - 2010, Inspector-Instructor Sergeant Major, 4th Supply Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group (MLG), Newport News, Virginia
April 2008 - June 2008, Sergeant Major, 1st Medical Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15 (CLR-15), 1st MLG, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, California
2006 - 2008, First Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company and later to Supply Company, 1st Supply Battalion, CLR-15, 1st MLG, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, California
2004 - 2006, First Sergeant, Company C and later to Company B, 9th Communications Battalion, MEF Headquarters Group, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, California
2002 - 2004, deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; served as the I MEF Commanding General's Jump Command Post Communications Staff Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge
2001 - 2002, Radio Chief and Company Gunnery Sergeant, Company B, 9th Communications Battalion, I MEF Headquarters Group, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, California
2000 - 2001, Detachment Commander, Dhaka, Bangladesh
1997 - 2000, Marine Security Guard, American Embassies Mexico City, Mexico; Nicosia, Cyprus; Tokyo Japan
1996 - 1997, Platoon Sergeant and later Radio Chief of the Single Channel Radio Platoon, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st MAW, Okinawa, Japan.
1994 - 1996, Radio Operation / Supervisor, 26th MEU, II MEF, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
1993 - 1994, meritorious promotion to Corporal and was later sent to Marine Corps Communication Electronic Schools (MCCES), 29 Palms, California, trained as a Position Location Reporting Systems Master Station Operator
1991 - 1993, Multi-Channel Operator, Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
March 1991 - Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California; later attended Marine Combat Training, Camp Pendleton, California; later attended MCCES, 29 Palms, California, for the Field Radio Operator Course

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

2008, Sergeant Major
2005, First Sergeant
2001, Gunnery Sergeant
1999, Staff Sergeant
1995, Sergeant

(Current as of June 2022)