



# United States Navy Biograph

**Senior Chief Petty Officer Yandy Hernandez**

**Production Operations**

**Norfolk Naval Shipyard SurgeMain**

Senior Chief Petty Officer Hernandez is a native of Havana, Cuba. In 2011, he graduated from Miami Dade College with an Associate of Arts. In August 2013, he completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.

He immigrated to the United States in June of 1999 and enlisted in the US Navy in August 2002, reporting to recruit training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon graduation, Seaman Hernandez was assigned to USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) as an undesignated Seaman stationed in Sasebo, Japan. He earned the rank of the 3rd Class Petty Officer.

On his first opportunity, he was promoted to 2nd Class Petty Officer and was a vital part of a Hull Swap with USS TORTUGA (LSD-46) in Sasebo, Japan. In March 2007, he decided to transition to the Navy Reserve in Miami, Florida, and earned the rank of 1st Class Petty officer, where he led the Operational Support Unit of 56 Sailors.

In 2009, he was affiliated with Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command (MCAST) and completed all training requirements to mobilize with a Civil Affairs Team. In January of 2011, he was recalled to be the Assistant Operational Support Officer. He has carried various duties such as the Mobilization Manager, Budget Manager, Reserve Liaison Officer, and the Manpower Specialist. In September 2013, he was selected as a Chief Petty Officer at MCAST in Dam Neck Annex.

In 2015 he was selected as the Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) for SURGEMAIN Det Miami, where he led a unit of 25 members. January 2016, he mobilized and was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer. He served at Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center (ECRC) as the Operations Department Leading Petty Officer, leading a team of 20 Sailors and Officers supporting 7,200 IA Sailors mobilizing a year.

In October 2019, he deployed to Germany to serve as the SEL of Warrior Transition Program (WTP), leading a Detachment of 18 Sailors processing 2,500 Sailors returning from austere environments. Upon completion of tour at WTP, he was assigned to support NNSY SurgeMain on January 2021, where he serves as a reserve demobilization advisor and production operation Leading Chief Petty Officer.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5), and several letters of commendation, unit awards, and service awards.

He is married to Jennifer Garcia and has two kids.