

NAVAL ROTC UNIT

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Gunnery Sergeant Luis Ledesma

Assistant Marine Officer Instructor

Gunnery Sergeant Ledesma was born in King City, California on November 25th 1988. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2007 and completed his entry-level training at MCRD San Diego. After completing Marine Corps recruit training in October of 2007 PFC Ledesma attended Field Artillery Cannon Crewman Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduating from Fort Sill he reported to Alpha Battery, 1st battalion, 12th Marines for a 4-year tour in Marine Corps Base Hawai'i. PFC Ledesma filled the billets of cannoneer and gunner for Guns platoon. PFC Ledesma was then promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal where he then deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008, serving as a detention operations training team instructor (task force MP).

In 2009 Lance Corporal Ledesma was then promoted to the rank of Corporal; following his deployment, Corporal Ledesma was then transferred to Echo Battery, 2nd battalion, 12th Marines where he served as an assistant section chief in preparation for the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) in 2010. In 2010, Corporal Ledesma then deployed on the Unit Deployment Program where he was then meritoriously promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Upon his arrival from his deployment on the UDP in 2011, Sergeant Ledesma was then given orders to India Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in Camp Pendleton, California where he served as a howitzer and mortar section chief. In 2012, Sergeant Ledesma then deployed as a mortar section chief with Battalion Landing Team 2/1, in support of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

In 2013, upon arrival from the 31st MEU, Sergeant Ledesma then reported to drill instructor school in MCRD San Diego, class 4-13. After successful graduation from drill instructor school, Sergeant Ledesma then reported to 1st Battalion, Charlie Company where he then served as a drill instructor, experienced drill instructor and Senior drill instructor. Sergeant Ledesma was then promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in October of 2015.

Upon completion of his tour in MCRD San Diego in 2016, Staff Sergeant Ledesma received orders to 1st battalion, 11th Marines, Alpha battery where he served as a guns platoon sergeant and local security chief. In September of 2016, Staff Sergeant Ledesma was then given orders to 1st battalion, 11th Marines, Headquarters Battery where he served as the battery Gunnery Sergeant. In 2018, Staff Sergeant Ledesma was given orders to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Alpha Battery, where he served as a section chief, local security chief and guns platoon Sergeant. In 2019, Staff Sergeant Ledesma deployed on the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of Battalion Landing team 3/5 where he served as a guns platoon Sergeant. During his deployment, Staff Sergeant Ledesma was then promoted to his current rank of Gunnery Sergeant. Upon arrival of the 11th MEU, Gunnery Sergeant Ledesma was then given orders to report to Virginia Military Institute where he currently serves as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor.

Gunnery Sergeant Ledesma's personal awards include: Navy and Marine Corps commendation medal, the Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal with one gold star in lieu of 2nd award, Good Conduct medal with three bronze stars.