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Command Master Chief (Acting)
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Hospital Corpsman Senior Chief Petty Officer Abigail Barrera was born in Cavite, Philippines and began her Naval Career on May 2, 2000 at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. Following graduation Barrera attended Hospital Corpsman “A” School.

Her first duty station was Branch Medical Clinic, Marine Corp Recruit Depot San Diego, California where she was assigned as a General Duty Corpsman. During this tour she was promoted to Third Class Petty Officer and was selected to attend Basic Radiologic Technician “C” School at Naval School of Health Sciences, San Diego, California where she graduated with honors with high distinction.

In December 2005, she reported to USS Pearl Harbor LSD-52, San Diego, California and served as Medical Department Leading Petty Officer. During her tenure, she deployed with the USS Tarawa ESG-1 and 13th MEU, in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and participated in multinational exercise Bright Star 2005 from July 2004 to February 2005. In May 2006, she advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. She deployed again from March 2007 to September 2007 for her ship’s role in a U.S. Navy Task Group conducting Partnership of the Americas (POA) 2007. She once again deployed from May 2008 - November 2008 as part of USS Peleliu (LHA 5) ESG deployment in the Central Command Area of Responsibility and in support of the War on Terrorism.

In November 2008, she was selected to attend Advance Radiologic Technologist “C” School, Naval School of Health Sciences in San Diego, California where she graduated with high distinction and was advanced to First Class Petty Officer.

From January 2010 to March 2014, she reported to Naval Medical Center San Diego and served as Leading Petty Officer for Diagnostic Division and later Radiology Department Leading Petty Officer. During her tour, she led 248 military and civilian personnel and oversaw the implementation of six process improvement initiatives, modernization projects including the implementation of a \$35M dictation system.

In March 2014, she transferred to Naval Hospital Rota, Spain and served as Leading Petty Officer for Directorate of Clinical Support Services. In November 2015, she deployed with USS Carney DDG-64 for her first Sixth Fleet BMD Patrol. She advanced to Chief Petty Officer in September 2016 and became the Senior Enlisted Leader for Directorate of Clinical Support Services and Directorate of Resource Management.

In August 2017, she reported to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Three (HSC-3) in North Island, California as Department Leading Chief Petty Officer for First Lieutenant and Medical Department. In November 2020, she reported to U. S. NMRTC Guantanamo Bay and assumed the Senior Enlisted Leader for Directorate for Administration. She advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer in July 2021.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Barrera has earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist designators. Her awards and decoration include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5) and various campaign and unit awards.