



Lieutenant Commander Luis E. Sanchez was born in Nurnberg, Germany when his father was stationed there while serving in the US Army. Coming from a career military family, he enlisted in 1982 immediately after graduating from Pemberton Township High School in Pemberton, New Jersey. LCDR Sanchez completed 10 years enlisted service as a nuclear trained Electronics Technician First Class with a tour in USS ULYSSES S GRANT (SSBN 631) Gold Crew. Graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from the University of the State of New York Regents College, LCDR Sanchez was commissioned through the Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Florida in May 1995.

LCDR Sanchez' division officer tours were as Electrical Officer in USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980) from December 1995 to September 1997, where he completed his SWO qualification, and as Navigator in USS COLE (DDG 67) from October 1997 to June 1999. LCDR Sanchez served as Global Watch Officer at Joint Forces Intelligence Command from June 1999 to June 2001, where he briefed JFCOM J2 and J3 in current intelligence, and later served as Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Joint Intelligence Training Facility at the Navy-Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Dam Neck, VA. During his tour LCDR Sanchez graduated from Troy State University with a Masters of Science in Management.

LCDR Sanchez Reported to USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) as Weapons Officer and fleeted up to Combat Systems Officer 6 months later. Following the GONZALEZ-LABOON-STOUT Sea Swap, LCDR Sanchez served as Combat Systems and Operations Officer in USS LABOON (DDG 58). LCDR Sanchez' follow on tour was to Surface Warfare Development Group as Aegis/Air Defense Officer and eventually Director, N4 Aegis/Air Defense/Electronic Warfare. During his tour at SWDG, he completed a six month Individual Augmentation to Central Command.

LCDR Sanchez' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Joint Achievement Medal, and the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star.

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