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Gunnery Sergeant Armstrong is a native of Millbury, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on September 22nd, 2003 and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduating Marine Combat Training at School of Infantry East in February 2004, Private Armstrong reported to NAS Pensacola, Florida, where he attended Aircrew Candidate school and further training at HMM(T)-164 as a crew chief trainee.

From December 2004 to December 2006 GySgt Armstrong served with HMM(REIN)-265 Okinawa, Japan. During this tour he served as a CH-46E crew chief for the squadrons OIF II deployment from January-April 2005 and the spring patrol of the 31st MEU from June-November 2006. In December 2006 GySgt Armstrong PCS to HMM-161 MCAS Miramar, San Diego California where he deployed twice to Iraq performing any number of combat missions to include CASEVAC, Helo-born raids and general support. During this time he held terrain flight instructor and Night Systems instructor qualifications. In October of 2010 GySgt Armstrong Lateral Moved to his current MOS 6176 MV-22 crew chief where he assisted in standing up two west coast VMM squadrons, VMM-161 and VMM-561.

In July 2012 to November 2013 GySgt Armstrong was assigned to WFTBN Edson Range as a Combat Marksmanship trainer and block NCO. On his selection to SSgt he was again assigned to VMM-161 deploying on the 15th MEU. During this time he performed the duties of Technical Directive Coordinator, Safe for Flight, Maintenance Controller as well as flight instructor qualifications to include Night Systems instructor and Assistant NATOPS Instructor.

From September 2016 to September 2019 GySgt Armstrong served as a drill instructor MCRD San Diego, 3rd recruit training battalion, Lima company successfully transitioning over 300 civilians to United States Marines. In September 2019 GySgt Armstrong joined his current unit VMM-262 Okinawa, Japan as the Maintenance Control SNCOIC, and Safe for Flight. During this time he has assisted in leading VMM-262 through four major detachments to several



countries as well as the successful completion of the 31st MEU deployment cycle as the flight line division chief. GySgt Armstrong has been serving as the AMOI at Maine Maritime Academy since March 2022.