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Major Maria Elizabeth Sanchez is the Commander of the San Juan Military Entrance Processing Station.

She processed through the Phoenix Military Entrance Processing Station in March 1992 and received her commission through the Officer Candidate School in July 2006. She attended the Individual Advance Training as a Photo and Layout Specialist, 610th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Her enlisted assignments include the photo and layout specialist, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Squad Leader, 70th Engineer Company, Fort Shafter, Hawaii; Platoon Sergeant, 100th Engineer Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Instructor, Defense Mapping School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Her commissioned assignments include Platoon Leader, C Battery and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot Battalion), Fort Bliss, Texas, and deployed to the United Arab Emirates; Battalion S1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 25th Aviation Regiment, Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, and deployed to Afghanistan; Personnel Management Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, United States Army Pacific, Fort Shafter; and human resources officer, 25th Division Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



Major Sanchez's professional military education includes Senior Tactics Instructor Course, Officer Candidate School, Basic Officer Leader Course, Air Defense Officer Basic Course, Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, Human Resources Plans and Operations Course, Brigade Human Resources Operations Course, and Command and General Staff. She earned an Associate of Arts in General Studies from Fayetteville Technology Community College, North Carolina, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a Minor in Latin American Studies from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, and a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from Webster University, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Her military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals and various unit and service medals and ribbons.