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First Sergeant Ernesto Urzua is the senior enlisted advisor of the San Jose Military Entrance Processing Station.

He enlisted in the Army at the Los Angeles MEPS in June 2007, and attended Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

First Sergeant Urzua served as a human resources specialist, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, deploying to Iraq; personnel service sergeant, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and senior human resources sergeant, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, California; recruiter, Southern California Recruiting Battalion; human resources sergeant, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), deploying to Niger; senior human resources sergeant and operations sergeant, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado, deploying to Afghanistan; and assistant inspector general, United States Southern Command, Doral, Florida.

His professional military education includes the Warrior, Advanced, Senior and Master Leaders Courses, Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education, Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education, Master Resiliency Course, Inspector General Course, Battle Staff Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Recruiter Course, Air Assault School, Army Retention Course, Combatives Level I Course, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Combat Lifesavers Course, and Airborne School. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management and a Master of Business Administration, from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona; and a Master of Science in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. He also earned a Graduate Certificate in Project Management.

First Sergeant Urzua's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, and various unit and service medals and ribbons. He earned the Recruiter Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.