

LT HENRY CEDEÑO | USN // Assistant Maintenance Officer

Lieutenant Henry Cedeño is a native of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, where he graduated from Luis Llorens Torres High School in 1999. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. He reported to his first command, Naval Air Technical Training Center Pensacola, FL, where he completed Airman Apprentice training.

LT Cedeño reported to the USS Enterprise (CVN 65), October 1999 as an undesignated airman. While onboard, he discovered his passion for naval aviation and pursued his desire to be an Aviation Electronics Technician. In 2001, he was designated as an Aviation Electronics Technician and earned his Aviation Warfare Specialist qualification.

In 2002, he reported to Naval Air Technical Training Center Pensacola, FL, where he completed Aviation Electronics Technician "A" school and advanced to petty officer third class. He then transferred to Keesler AFB, Mississippi for Calibration Technician "C" school, graduating in May.

LT Cedeño reported to Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment (AIMD) Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico as a Calibration Technician and advanced to petty officer second class, assuming the role of work center production supervisor. Here he provided direct support to carrier strike groups conducting composite unit exercises in the Caribbean. Following his transfer to AIMD Brunswick, ME, in 2003, he was immediately assigned the duties of work center supervisor and managed the efforts of AIMD's calibration readiness for five patrol squadrons.

In 2005, he reported onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) and was assigned as branch leading petty officer (LPO) for three work centers. In July of 2008, he was designated as the AIMD/IM-3 Division LPO, where he supervised 172 technicians. During this tour, he advanced to petty officer first class, earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare qualification, completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and in 2009 was selected as a chief petty officer.

In 2010, LT Cedeño reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23 where he qualified safe for flight on the F/A-18B/C/D/E/F and EA-6B. In 2014, he was commissioned as an aviation maintenance limited duty officer (LDO).

After completing the Naval Aviation Maintenance Officer Course in 2014, he reported to the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), serving as the support equipment division officer, power plants division officer, avionics division officer, and quality assurance officer.

In 2017, LT Cedeño reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 211, the "Fighting Checkmates", serving as the material control officer, assistant maintenance officer, and maintenance material control officer. He led the Checkmates through two combat deployments in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Freedom Sentinel, NATO Exercise Trident Juncture, and counter-Iranian aggression missions.

LT Cedeño's awards included four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various personal and unit awards.