

MASONIC BIOGRAPHY

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Washington & Jurisdiction

RW Alexander J. Hernandez Sr

District Deputy Grand Master #15

RW Alexander J. Hernandez Sr. is a distinguished leader, U.S. Navy veteran, and devoted Freemason, whose life exemplifies the principles of service, discipline, and brotherhood.

Born on September 11, 1977, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during a period of democratic transformation, RW Hernandez was reared by his grandmother alongside his twin sister, Wendy Hernandez. From an early age, he cultivated a profound respect for integrity, perseverance, and family values. In 1992, he joined his mother and sisters in Miami, Florida, where his commitment to discipline and leadership began to flourish. Actively engaged through his involvement with the Royal Rangers at church and his studies at school, he discovered his purpose in the Army JROTC program, where he honed the principles of teamwork, excellence, and service.

Upon graduating from Miami Coral Senior High School, Florida, in 1996, RW Hernandez enlisted in the United States Navy, embarking upon a fourteen-year career distinguished by honor and excellence. During boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, he was selected to serve as Drill Team Commander of the elite 900 Division, performing at all recruit graduation ceremonies. Under his leadership, the division earned the Navy's highest training distinction, the *Hall of Fame Award*. He subsequently completed Aviation Boatswain's Mate Equipment "A" School and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) from 1996–2000. In 2001, he transitioned to the Master-at-Arms field, specializing in law enforcement and force protection, with assignments at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico (2001–2003); NSA Bahrain (2003–2005); NAS Patuxent River (2005–2008); and Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JGTF) (2008–2010).

Throughout his naval service, RW Hernandez demonstrated exceptional leadership and professionalism, embodying the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Following his honorable discharge, he continued his vocation in public safety as a Force Protection Officer under contract with the Area Support Group (ASG) KU from 2011 to the present.

Masonic Leadership

Blue Lodge

- Began his Masonic journey on August 8, 2014, with Joseph I. Staton Lodge No. 71, MWPHGL of Washington and Jurisdiction, Camp Buehring, KU.
- Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.
- Served as:
 - Senior Deacon (2014)
 - Senior Warden (2016)

- Demitted to Middle East Lodge No. 105, MWPHGL of Washington and Jurisdiction, Camp Arifjan, KU.
 - Senior Warden (2017)
 - Worshipful Master (2018 & 2019)
 - Treasurer (2020–Present)

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.)

- Created a Noble in 2015 at Tunis Temple No. 190, Camp Buehring, KU.
- Held the following leadership positions:
 - High Priest & Prophet (2017)
 - Chief Rabban (2018)
 - Assistant Rabban (2019)
 - Illustrious Potentate (2020)

Royal Arch Masonry

- Exalted in 2015 at King James Chapter No. 20, Camp Arifjan, KU, under the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, Washington Jurisdiction.
- Served as:
 - Master of the Third Veil (2015)
 - Royal Arch Captain (2016)
 - King (2017)
 - Excellent High Priest (2018–2021)
- Elected to the Order of High Priesthood – July 2019.
- Charter Member & Captain of the Host (2025), Phinehas Chapter No. 7, Camp Arifjan, KU, under the Terrell D. Hicklin Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Washington Jurisdiction.

Cryptic Masonry

- Greeted in 2018 to the degree of Royal & Select Master in Willie J. Anderson Council No. 3, under the Robert J. Avery Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, Washington Jurisdiction.
- Charter Member & Principal Conductor of Works (2025), Micaiah Council No. 7, Camp Arifjan, KU, under the Alpha Omega Grand Council, PHA Washington and Jurisdiction.

Knights Templar

- Dubbed and created a Knight Templar in 2018 in The Great Northwest Commandery No. 1, James “Rocky” Dallas Grand Commandery, Knights Templar PHA, Washington and Jurisdiction.
- Charter Member & Generalissimo (2025), Hugues De Payens Commandery No. 7, Camp Arifjan, KU, under the W.E.B. DuBois Grand Commandery, PHA Washington and Jurisdiction.

Scottish Rite

- Advanced to the Sublime Degree of Prince of the Royal Secret, 32° on June 27, 2015, in Spain Military Consistory No. 99 (USCNJPHA), Valley of Kuwait, Orient of Europe.
- Served as:
 - Keeper of the Seal and Archives (2018)

- Commander-in-Chief (2020)
 - Treasurer (2021–Present)
- Elevated to the 33° – Grand Inspector General Honorary, SGIG David Holliman Class, Denver, Colorado (May 2018).
- Overseer of the Valley for Bahrain, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates (2021–Present).
- Recipient of the Deputy Award (2022), presented by the Deputy of the Orient of Europe, A.A.S.R., PHA.

Other Masonic Honors

- Appointed District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 15 (Middle East), MWPHGL of Washington and Jurisdiction (July 14, 2021–Present).
- Awarded District Deputy Grand Master of the Year – 2024 & 2025.
- Appointed District Deputy Grand Patron, District No. 9 (Germany and Middle East), MWPHGL of Washington and Jurisdiction (2021, 2022, 2023).

Prince Hall Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho

- Obligated as a member in 2018, Leola Green Chapter No. 12, Germany, under the Prince Hall Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho, Washington and Jurisdiction.

Order of the Eastern Star

- Obligated as a member in 2018, Five Star Point Chapter No. 41, Camp Arifjan, KU, under the Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES, Washington and Jurisdiction.
- Worthy Patron, Five Star Point Chapter No. 41, Camp Arifjan, KU.
 - Worthy Patron of the Year (2022), Grand Session Recognition.
- Member of Sieglinde W. Black Chapter No. 55, under the Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES, Washington and Jurisdiction (2023).

Personal Life

RW Hernandez is the proud son of Ana Caminero and Socrate Hernandez, and the devoted father of Solangel, Mariana, and Alexander Jr. He shares his life with his loving wife, Cherrylyn Pagas. Guided by the principles of humility, service, and brotherhood, RW Hernandez continues to be a steadfast role model within his Masonic family and local community. Through his faith, leadership, and dedication, he strives to inspire others and uphold the highest ideals of Masonry and public service.