

FERNANDO MEZA

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EXPERIENCE

Unites States Navy

Aviation Boatswain Mate Handler: November 2002- June 2006

NS Mayport, USS John F. Kennedy CV-67

- Deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and The Battle of Fallujah. As an Aircraft Director, I was responsible for the safety of personnel, launch and recovery of combat aircraft, crash rescue, fire fighting, crash removal and damage control duties in relation to the recovery and launching of aircraft. Supervised 6-8 Sailors during flight operations, trained and prepared Sailors on fire fighting techniques, proper procedures for securing aircraft and updated safety manuals.

The Ritz Lounge

Head Mixologist: May 2005- February 2015

Prepared alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for guest, helped put together seasonal beverage menus, trained new personnel on proper bartending techniques, and focused on customer relations. Provided personnel with ID and de-escalation training. Assisted with social media marketing and the launch of their social media pages.

The Wreck Tiki Lounge

Operating General Manager: February 2015- present

Manage a staff of 15 employees, oversee the hiring and firing of employees, control product inventory, accommodate customers to their specific needs, maintain and provide staff with the proper tools to succeed as an employee. Aid business owner with new ideas and goals for the year along with social media marketing and budget control.

EDUCATION

Associate of Arts: January 2009- December 2010

Florida State College of Jacksonville

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science: August 2010- April 2012

University of North Florida

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Citation letter from Rear Admiral for exceptional performance from June 2004 – December 2004
- Awarded Top 30 under 30 Future Leaders of Jacksonville by BUZZ Magazine, Voted Best Bartender by Void Magazine 2013, 2014 and 2015, Voted best bartender in Jacksonville by Radio station 97.9 FM in 2013

ACTIVITIES

- Mentor in Take Stock in Children from Summer 2010 to Fall 2011
- Raised closed to \$2000 for Wolfson Children's in 2014
- Raised over \$2000 for K-9 for Warriors in 2018
- Member of the Republican Executive Committee of Duval County
- Member of the Jacksonville Young Republicans