

Lt.Gen. Michael J. Borgschulte

Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs



Lieutenant General Borgschulte graduated from the Naval Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Oceanography. Following graduation, Second Lieutenant Borgschulte earned his jump wings at the Army's Airborne Course in Ft. Benning, Georgia, graduated from The Basic School (TBS) with distinction, reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola for flight training, and was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1993.

First Lieutenant Borgschulte reported to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron (HMT) 303 for initial training in the AH-1W. He was then assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 169 where he deployed to Okinawa, Japan in support of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) and was promoted to Captain in Pohang, Korea. Captain Borgschulte was then assigned to HMM-161 (REIN) and deployed in support of 15th MEU (SOC).

Upon return from a WESTPAC deployment, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment for duties as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) and served as the Battalion Operations Officer.

Captain Borgschulte was assigned to HMLA-369 in 1998, attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course, and then deployed in support of UDP. He promoted to Major in 2001 and was then assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 263 (REIN), where he deployed in support of 31st MEU (SOC) as the ACE Tactics and Future Operations Officer. Following deployment, Major Borgschulte was assigned to the I MEF Special Operations Training Group (SOTG) as the Air Officer, and in 2003 volunteered to deploy with HMLA-369 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) I. Upon return, he assumed duties as the Operations Officer and Air Officer for I MEF SOTG. Major Borgschulte was then assigned to HMLA-169 and again deployed in support of OIF 05-07.1 as the Operations Officer and follow on duties as the Squadron Executive Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and was assigned to Naval Central Command in Bahrain for one year as the principal Marine planner and Operational Planning Team (OPT) lead. During this tour, Lieutenant Colonel Borgschulte was selected for Command of HMLA-367 and subsequently led his Marines on a 7-month deployment to Afghanistan fighting in the Battle for Marjah and Now Zad.

After his Commanding Officer tour, Lieutenant Colonel Borgschulte was selected for Top Level School at the Naval War College where he graduated with distinction earning a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Lieutenant Colonel Borgschulte's next assignment was as Division Chief, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in Tampa, Florida, where he was selected to attend Stanford University's Executive Leadership course as part of USSOCOM's talent management program. He promoted to Colonel in 2013 and was subsequently selected to Command Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 39. He served as the Assistant Wing Commander for 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and then on the Joint Staff as the Deputy Director for Operations, J-3, National Military Command Center. Brigadier General Borgschulte was promoted to Major General in 2021. Prior to taking command of 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, he served as the Director, Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA), Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps. In August 2024, Lieutenant General Borgschulte was promoted to his current rank and returned to M&RA to serve as the Deputy Commandant for M&RA.

Lieutenant General Borgschulte has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/two gold stars, fourteen Strike/Flight Air Medals for combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, individual Air Medal for personal action in Afghanistan, Joint Commendation Medal w/gold star, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal w/ two gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/one gold star. He has amassed more than 3,700 total flight hours to include nearly 1,000 Night Vision Goggle hours and over 700 combat hours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brigadier General David R. Everly

Director, Manpower Plans and Policy Division



Brigadier General Everly graduated from the University of Southern California with a BS in Business Administration. After graduating from The Basic School and the US Army Field Artillery Officer Basic Course with honors, he reported for duty as a Forward Observer with 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC.

While assigned to 10th Marines, 1stLt Everly served as Forward Observer, Guns Platoon Commander, Headquarters Platoon Commander, Assistant Executive Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Artillery Liaison Officer and Battery Executive Officer.

In late 1998, 1stLt Everly reported to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) for duty as the Target Information Officer. 1stLt Everly deployed aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD-3) to the Mediterranean Sea. He participated in OPERATIONS NOBLE ANVIL and SHINING HOPE in Albania, combat operations during OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN in Kosovo and OPERATION AVID RESPONSE providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Western Turkey. Upon returning from the Mediterranean Sea in the fall of 1999, Captain Everly received orders to The Basic School, Quantico, VA.

While assigned to The Basic School, Captain Everly served as the Primary Fire Support Instructor, Staff Platoon Commander (SPC) for Companies D, F, and B, and as the Officer-in-Charge of the US Naval Academy Leatherneck Program. After completing his TBS tour, Captain Everly reported to the US Army Field Artillery School in Ft Sill, OK for the Field Artillery Captains Career Course (FACCC).

In 2002, he graduated from the Army FACCC with honors and reported to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in Kaneohe, HI. He served as the Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer and Battery Commander. As the Commanding Officer, Battery B, Captain Everly deployed his unit to OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM Philippines/ Thailand in support of security/ counter-insurgency operations and Okinawa, Japan, in support of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) assigned to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

In 2005, Capt Everly deployed to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in support of US Central Command. Captain Everly was assigned to the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force for Former Regime Elements as the Deputy J3 Operations Officer. Completing his tour in Iraq, Major Everly was assigned to the Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA for duty as a Faculty Advisor and Expeditionary Operations Instructor.

In July 2008, Major Everly reported to 11th Marine Regiment and assumed duties as the Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Major Everly deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and later assumed the duties of Operations Officer, 11th Marine Regiment. In the summer of 2011, he assumed command of 5th Battalion, 11th Marines. In the summer of 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Everly attended the National Defense University. After completing Top Level School, Lieutenant Colonel Everly was assigned to the Operations Directorate (J3), Current Operations (J33), Joint Staff. Subsequently, he was re-assigned to serve as the Junior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. In 2016, LtCol Everly was ordered to HQMC, Manpower Management Division as the Ground LtCol Assignment Monitor and he subsequently assumed the duties of the Ground Colonel Assignment Monitor. Colonel Everly's civilian and military education include: US Army Field Artillery Career Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff Seminar Program, MS in Management and Leadership from Webster University, MS in Financial Planning from Oklahoma State University and MA in Strategic Security Studies for the National Defense University.

Colonel Everly's personal awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation with Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Brigadier General Douglas C. “Swami” Sanders

Commandant of the Marine Corps Safety Division



Brigadier General Douglas C. “Swami” Sanders hails from Orlando, Florida. A graduate of Maynard Evans High School and the United States Naval Academy, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1996. Following Naval Aviator designation in 1999, he subsequently earned his AH-1W Super Cobra qualification. In 2004, he was selected for MV-22B Osprey transition.

Brigadier General Sanders’ command assignments include: Commanding Officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 264 and Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 26.

His operational assignments include: Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron 269; Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365 (Reinforced); Air Officer, 2D Battalion, 2D Marines; Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron 22; and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 266.

His staff and joint assignments include: MAGTF Planner, HQMC Aviation; C-ISIS Cell Strategic Planner, USSOCOM J-35; Section Head, Programs and Resources; Aviation Branch Head, Programs and Resources; Strategic Engagements Chief, CJTF-OIR; and Branch Head, Air Warfare Systems Assault Support, HQMC Aviation.

Brigadier General Sanders has six combat deployments in both Iraq and Afghanistan for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and INHERENT RESOLVE. His personal awards include Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 gold stars), Air Medal (combat “V”, 3 individual, 15 strike/flight), both Joint and Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals (combat “V”, gold star), Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star), and Combat Action Ribbon (gold star).

Brigadier General Sanders is a graduate of USMC Command and Staff College (with distinction), School of Advanced Warfighting, and the Eisenhower School. He has earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Naval Academy, two Masters of Sciences from the Marine Corps University and one from the National Defense University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Conflict Analysis and Resolution Studies from Nova Southeastern University.

Colonel Jenny A. Colegate, USMC
Commanding Officer
of Marine Corps Installations-National Capital Region,
Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.



Colonel Jenny A. Colegate enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Arizona in January 1998. In December 1999, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Second Lieutenant Colegate graduated from The Basic School in September 2000, and immediately reported to the Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course in Pensacola, Florida.

In January 2001, she reported to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16 (MALS) in Miramar, California, where she was assigned as the Airframes Officer. While attached to MALS-16, she served as the Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer for Combined Arms Exercise 01-02, and served aboard the SS Curtiss for the T-AVB Exercise 2001. In December 2001, First Lieutenant Colegate was assigned as the Maintenance Material Control Officer for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (HMH-462). During this tour, she deployed to Okinawa, Japan in 2002 under the

Unit Deployment Program and to Kuwait in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In July 2004, Captain Colegate transferred to Parris Island, South Carolina and was assigned as a Series Commander for November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion. After six cycles, she was selected to serve as the Staff Secretary for the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Eastern Recruiting Region. In June 2007, Captain Colegate transferred to MALS-12 in Iwakuni, Japan and served as the Production Control Officer and Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In July 2008, Captain Colegate transferred to Cherry Point, North Carolina and served as the Rotary Wing Class Desk, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and Plans Officer for the Aviation Logistics Department, 2D Marine Aircraft Wing. During this tour, she was promoted to major and deployed to Afghanistan as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for 2D Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In October 2011, Major Colegate transferred to Marine Corps Air Station New River where she served as the Executive Officer for MALS-29.

In July 2013, she attended the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In July 2014, she was assigned to Naval Air Station Pensacola to serve as the Commanding Officer of Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1. In June 2017, she transferred to Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay to assume command of MALS-24. In July 2019, she successfully completed her command tour and transferred to U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific to assume the duties as the Aviation Logistics Division Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In July 2020, she was selected to participate in the Secretary of Defense Executive Fellowship Program by working alongside our industry partners at Sikorsky Aviation in Stratford, Connecticut. In July 2021, she transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Department of Aviation and served as the Aviation Sustainment Branch-33 Section Head. In July 2022, she transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Marine Corps to serve as the Chief of Staff and Deputy Director of Investigations. In July 2024, she assumed command of Marine Corps Installations-National Capital Region, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

Colonel William C. Cox

Assistant Chief of Staff G-8

Training and Education Command



Colonel Cox reported to Training and Education Command in June of 2024 for duty as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-8.

Colonel Cox was born in Oceanside, CA. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1990 and served as a Correctional Specialist, Civil Affairs NCO, and Administration Clerk until his selection to the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Program. In 1998, he reported to the University of Idaho as a student and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Physical Geography. After completing the Basic School in 2001 as an honor graduate, he attended the Financial Management Officer's Course at Camp Lejeune.

After graduation, he reported to 3rd Force Service Support Group for duty as the Budget Officer. In 2003, he was selected to serve as the Company Commander for Service Company, Headquarters and Services Battalion.

In 2004, he was selected to attend the Naval Postgraduate School. Upon graduation, he was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree and was designated a Conrad Scholar. Colonel Cox next reported to MCB Camp Lejeune as a Business Analyst in the Business Performance Office in 2006. He immediately deployed as an Inspector for the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Detention Facility.

In 2008, Colonel Cox transferred to III Marine Headquarters Group and served as the Comptroller. He deployed as an Individual Augmentee for duty with Multi-National Force Iraq, serving as the Commander's Emergency Response Program Manager. Upon his return, he was assigned as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-8, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Colonel Cox reported to the Marine Corps University in 2011 to serve as the Chief Financial Officer. In 2013, he was transferred to Training and Education Command for duty as a Program Analyst. Colonel Cox then reported to Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University as a student.

Upon graduating with a Masters in Military Studies, he reported to III Marine Expeditionary Force as the Director of the Regional Disbursing Office Pacific. In 2018, Colonel Cox reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Programs and Resources, Fiscal and Finance for duty as Deputy Branch Head. Colonel Cox was selected to command Region 6, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group (Eastern and Southern Africa) and reported for duty in 2020.

Colonel Cox reported to Programs and Resources, Headquarters Marine Corps in July 2022 to serve as the Director, Fiscal Division. His major responsibilities included the Marine Corps Full Financial Statement Audit, the Marine Corps' General Ledger, and all military pay and travel payments across the institution.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5th Award); Joint Commendation Medal (2nd Award); Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd Award), and the Joint Achievement Medal. His biggest accomplishment is marrying Lisa Ann Cox. They have four children, Michael (29), Adam (26), Breanna (25), and Samuel (21).

Colonel Scott A. Cuomo

Commanding Officer

Weapons Training Battalion



Colonel Scott A. Cuomo has had the privilege to serve Marines and Sailors for more than 23 years. Prior to his selection to serve Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico, he served in the following billets:

Senior U.S. Marine Corps Advisor for Force Development and Emerging Capabilities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

Commanding Officer, 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and Task Unit 61.2.4.2 -

Commandant of the Marine Corps Strategist Program

Operational Planner and Ground Combat Element Integration Officer, Headquarters Marine Corps Aviation

Director, Infantry Officer Course

Operations Officer, Battalion Landing Team 2/2, 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit - Company

Commander, Fox Company, Second Battalion, Second Marines - Instructor, Infantry Officer Course and Basic Officer Course, The Basic School - Platoon Commander, Combined Anti-Armor Team B, Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Executive Officer, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

Rifle Platoon Commander, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines

He has served Marines and Sailors in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as on Amphibious Ready Group / Marine Expeditionary Unit deployments in U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, and U.S. Africa Command. Additionally, he served Marines and Sailors executing an experimental Reconnaissance and Counter Reconnaissance deployment in the Baltic and Black Sea regions.

He is a graduate of the following military schools: The Basic School, Infantry Officer Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, Command and Staff College (non-resident), Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, and School of Advanced Warfighting. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, and Georgetown University's Government Department PhD program.

He and his wife, Elena, have been married for 23 years, and they have three children, Sara, Benedetto, and Anthony.

Colonel Aixa R. Dones

Incoming G-1 Assistant Chief of Staff, Training and Education Command



Colonel Aixa R. Dones enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1994, and attended recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduation in August of 1994, Private First Class Dones attended Cryptologic Technician Operator Course, Corey Station, Pensacola, Florida and was meritoriously promoted. Lance Corporal Dones then reported to Company L, Marine Support Battalion, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where she served as a Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Operator. She also participated in Operations ABLE MANOR, SEA SIGNAL UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, and SAFE PASSAGE. She was then transferred to Marine Corps Intelligence Activity, Quantico, Virginia where she served as a SIGINT Operator and Special Security Officer. During this tour, Corporal Dones was selected as the Marine Corps Combat Development Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year 1996, awarded the USO's Outstanding Volunteer Award, and meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.

In December 1997, Sergeant Dones was ordered to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy where she served as a receptionist until April 1999. Sergeant Dones was selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning and Education Program and attended the University of Illinois at Chicago from May 1999 to May 2000 where she was promoted to Staff Sergeant and earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. In March 2002, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Dones graduated The Basic School in December 2002 with follow on orders to the Adjutant's Course, Camp Johnson, North Carolina. She then received orders to Marine Wing Support Squadron 371, Yuma, Arizona in March 2003. During this tour, she served as the Officer in Charge, Remain Behind Element during the unit's deployment to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. She received orders to 3D Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, California in March 2004 where she served as the Human Affairs and Family Readiness Officer. First Lieutenant Dones was then assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 16 where she served as the Adjutant and deployed to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 05-07 from January 2006 to February 2007. Captain Dones was then selected for and attended Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia (2007-2008). Captain Dones then augmented a summer cycle at Officer Candidate School as a Platoon Commander with follow on orders to Enlisted Retention (MMEA-6), HQMC. Captain Dones served as the Subsequent and First Term Alignment Plans Officer until she received orders to Fourth Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina in June 2010. At Fourth Recruit Training Battalion she served as a Series Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander. Then, Major Dones was assigned to Support Battalion where she served as the Battalion Executive Officer. Major Dones was also selected as the Marine Corps recipient of the 2013 Latina Style Distinguished Military Service Award during this tour.

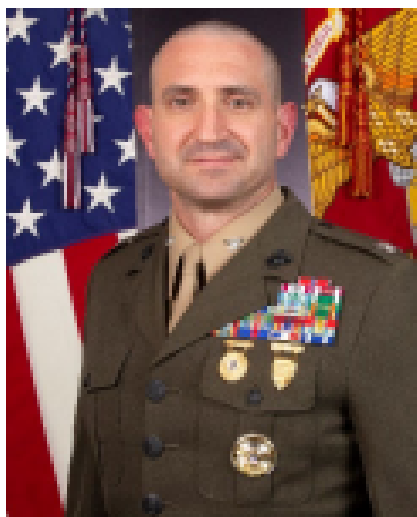
Major Dones was then ordered to be the Deputy Director, Commandant of the Marine Corps Protocol Directorate, Washington D.C. in June 2013. From November 2014 to May 2015, she attended Naval Command and Staff College at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island where she received a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. Major Dones was then selected for command as the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Los Angeles from July 2015 to July 2018. Lieutenant Colonel Dones received orders to 1st Marine Division in July 2018 where she initially served as the Command Inspector General and the Assistant Chief of Staff G-7 and then as the Deputy, Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, also earning a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University. In July 2020, she was selected to attend the United States Army War College for resident Top Level School. Lieutenant Colonel Dones graduated with a Masters National Security Studies in June 2021. Lieutenant Colonel Dones then served as the last Commanding Officer, Fourth Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, South Carolina from 2021-2023.

Colonel Dones will assume her duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Training and Education Command on 1 April 2024.

Colonel Dones' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (Four Gold Stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Three Gold Stars), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Two Gold Stars), and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (One Bronze Star).

Colonel Bryan A. Eovito

Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Cyberspace Operations Group



Colonel Eovito assumed duties as the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Cyberspace Operations Group on June 30, 2023. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 1993 and was commissioned through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program at the University of South Carolina in May 2000. His commands include: Company A, 7th Communication Battalion; Marine Corps Recruiting Station Jacksonville, Florida; and 9th Communication Battalion. His staff assignments include: Information Systems Management Officer, 3d Marine Regiment; Marine Security Element Liaison Officer, Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - PHILIPPINES; S-6 Officer, First Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment; Defense Strategic Satellite Communications Manager, United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM); Branch Chief, USSTRATCOM Global NetOps Control Center during Operations BURNT FROST and BUCKSHOT YANKEE; Operations Officer, 7th Communication Battalion; J-3 Director, Afghan National Army Special Operations Advisory Group, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; Executive Officer, 7th Communication Battalion; Deputy AC/S G-5, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; Military Assistant to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Branch Head, Information Networks, Services, and Strategy, Information Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Division, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

He holds a Master of Science in Systems Technology from the Naval Postgraduate School, a Master of Operational Studies from the School of Advanced Warfighting, a Master of Science in Government Information Leadership from the National Defense University's College of Information and Cyberspace, and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI program.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three gold stars), and the Army Achievement Medal.

Colonel Morina D Foster
(Not in attendance for this event)
Commanding Officer, Wounded Warrior Regiment



Colonel Foster is a native of Chicago, Illinois. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1985, her first tours in the Marine Corps from 1985 -1991 included, Marine Wing Support Squadron 271, Cherry Point, North Carolina and Officer Candidate School, Candidate Administration, Quantico, Va. She achieved the ranks of Corporal 1988 and Sergeant in 1991 while assigned to OCS and was immediately re-assigned to Parris Island, South Carolina to attend Drill Instructor School.

In October of 1996 Colonel Foster was promoted to Staff Sergeant and hand selected as an instructor at the Sergeant's Course, 29 Palms California. After her tour as a Sergeant's Course Instructor, Colonel Foster received orders to 3d Marine Air Wing, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Okinawa, Japan. While stationed in Okinawa, Colonel Foster applied for the Meritorious Commissioning Program and was accepted to attend OCS in the fall of 1999. Immediately after OCS and The Basic School (TBS) in October of 2000, Colonel Foster attended the Logistics Officers Course, Camp

Johnson, North Carolina. Colonel Foster's tours as an Officer include; 2d Force Service Support Group (2D FSSG), 2d Transportation Support Battalion (2d TSB), Beach and Terminal Operations (BTO) Company.

Colonel Foster holds an Associates in Arts from National University, a Bachelor's Degree of Science with a concentration in Health Care Management from Southern Illinois University, a Master Degree in Supply Chain Management from Pennsylvania State University, and a Masters in Military Science/Studies from the Marine Corps University, Quantico Va., Defense Acquisitions University, North Carolina State Executive Logistics Course, Penn State's Logistics Supervisors Course and several military schools supporting tactical, operational and strategic level leadership and policies . Of notable mention is her selection to Top Level School, Pennsylvania State University, Marine Corps University Fellowship Program where Colonel Foster was the first female to ever attend the program since its inception over ~20 years ago.

Colonel Rob Hancock

Director, Ground Combat Element Division, Capabilities Development Directorate, Combat Development and Integration.



Education (Degrees):

Penn State Univ (Bachelor of Arts Political Science)
Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Master of Military Studies)
National War College (Master of National Security Strategy)

Military Experience:

Colonel Hancock currently serves as the Director, Ground Combat Element Division, Capabilities Development Directorate, Combat Development and Integration.

His operational command and unit assignments include: three platoon level commands in 2d Battalion, 8th Marines; Rifle Company Command and Battalion Operations Officer assignments with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines; and service as the Assistant Operations Officer, Future Operations Officer, and Operations Officer with the 7th Marine Regiment.

Operational deployments include UDP to Okinawa, Japan, participation in Exercise NEW HORIZONS in Port Au Prince, Haiti, two combat deployments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and one combat deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

His supporting establishment and joint assignments include: Executive Officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Station Nashville, Tennessee; Tactics Instructor, Officer Candidates School; Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Station Buffalo, New York; Commanding Officer, Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry-East; Force Management Branch Chief, Forces Division, Joint Staff J-8 Directorate; Assistant Chief of Staff Recruiting, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego / Western Recruiting Region; Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Personal Awards: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and one gold star, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Hobbies/Interests: College football; lacrosse coach

Colonel Roe S. Lemons, Jr

The Joint Staff J-7, Joint Force Development Team



Colonel Lemons is a native of Corpus Christi, Texas. He is the son of a Korean War Soldier. He graduated from the University of Houston with a BS in Kinesiology-Exercise Science. After graduating from The Basic School, he completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In April 2004, Colonel Lemons reported to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in Kaneohe Bay, HI. In June 2005, Colonel Lemons deployed with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines as a Forward Observer/Headquarters Platoon Commander in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. He participated in combat operations during OPERATION RED WINGS in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan. Upon his return, he assumed duties as the Battery B, Executive Officer and Guns Platoon Commander. In February 2007, he deployed with 1st

Battalion, 12th Marines under Task Force Military Police 1/12 as the Battery B, Executive Officer / Detention Operations Officer in charge in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) in Anbar Province, Iraq.

In December 2007, Colonel Lemons transferred to 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) in Camp Pendleton, CA. He again deployed in support of OIF in Anbar Province in March 2008 as a Fire Power Control Team Leader and Brigade Platoon Fire Support Officer. In January 2010, he deployed again, this time to Helmand and Nimruz Provinces, Afghanistan, as a Supporting Arms Liaison Team Leader supporting the 1/1/205 Afghan National Army Kandak, 31st Georgian Infantry Battalion and U.S. Army's 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 2nd Infantry Division in support of OEF. He participated in combat operations during OPERATION MOSTHARAK in Marjah, Afghanistan. Upon his return in July 2010, Colonel Lemons attended Expeditionary Warfare School's (EWS) resident course in Quantico, VA.

In June 2011, Colonel Lemons transferred to 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines in Camp Lejeune, NC. He immediately deployed with Regimental Combat Team 8 as the Current Operations Officer in Nimruz Province, Afghanistan, supporting OEF. Upon his return, he assumed command of Battery K, 3d Battalion, 10th Marines. Upon relinquishing command, he assumed duties as the 8th Marines Assistant Fire Support Coordinator. In 2013, he deployed on a Security Force Assistance Advisor Team with the Operations Coordination Center-Regional (OCC-R) as the Fires and Operations Advisor to Afghan security forces during another OEF deployment to Helmand Province. Upon his return, Colonel Lemons was the 10th Marines Assistant Operations Officer.

In June 2014, Colonel j Lemons transferred to the Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, VA., for duty as a Faculty Advisor. In 2016 Colonel Lemons attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College's resident course in Quantico, VA. In May 2017, Colonel Lemons transferred to the 11th Marine Regiment in Camp Pendleton, CA, to serve as the 1st Marine Division Assistant Fire Support Coordinator. In June 2018, he assumed duties as the Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

In July 2019, Colonel Lemons transferred for Joint duty to Combined Joint Task Force –OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE as the Fires and Night Chief of Operations in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He additionally performed duties as the Operations Officer at Combined Joint Operations Center in Akcakale, Turkey, during the United States and Turkey's bilateral agreement in North Eastern Syria.

In June 2020, Colonel Lemons assumed duties as Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion 12th Marines in Okinawa, Japan, until June 2022. In July 2022, Colonel Lemons transferred to The Eisenhower School at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. In June 2023, Colonel transferred for Joint duty to The Joint Staff J-7 for duty. He assumed duties as Division Chief, Joint Force Development Team in July 2024.

Colonel Lemons' personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with combat "V," Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal gold star in lieu of 2 nd award, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of 4th award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Colonel Lemons is a graduate of the following schools: the University of Houston, BS in Kinesiology-Exercise Science, Expeditionary Warfare School, USMC Command and Staff College with a Master of Military Science degree, The Eisenhower School with a Master of National Resource Strategy degree, and the U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course.

Colonel Richard P. Neikirk

Branch Head, Plans and Research

G3, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Colonel Richard P. Neikirk is from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 2003 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Colonel Neikirk has served as an artilleryman in all three active-duty Marine artillery regiments. In 2004, Neikirk deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with 2d Battalion, 11th Marines and served as a provisional infantry platoon commander. He participated in Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah as well as combat operations in and around Ramadi and across Anbar province. His unit also secured polling sites during the first free and democratic elections in Iraq, as well as secured the Ar Ar border crossing with Saudi Arabia during the Hajj. In 2005, he deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to Southeast Asia and the South China Sea. During this deployment, he participated in Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief efforts on Leyte Island in the Republic of the Philippines. In 2011, Neikirk deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a Battery Commander for 2d Battalion, 10th Marines. His battery was employed as provisional infantry securing FOBs Delaram and Dwyer in the Helmand province. In 2012, Neikirk was assigned as the Operations Officer for 2d Battalion, 10th Marines. From 2020-2022 he served as the Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines – working closely with the Joint Force as his unit was at the forefront of Marine artillery long range anti-ship fires.

Colonel Neikirk has held a variety of billets in the supporting establishment as well. From 2007 to 2010, Neikirk was assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. He initially served as a Series Commander in 3rd Battalion before transferring to Support Battalion where he served as both a Company Commander and battalion Operations Officer. In 2010, Neikirk attended the Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia. In 2013, he was selected as the Staff Secretary for the 2d Marine Division and served in the Commanding General's office. In 2014, he was assigned to the College of Naval Command and Staff in Newport, Rhode Island. From 2015-2018, he commanded Marine Corps Recruiting Station Raleigh, North Carolina. From 2018-2020, he was assigned to Special Operations Command, Pacific where he served as a deliberate planner before serving as Director of the Commander's Action Group. From 2022-2023, Neikirk attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government as a National Security Fellow.

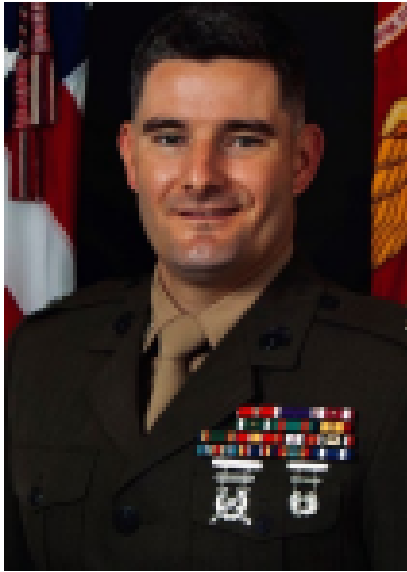
In July 2023, Neikirk assumed his current duties as Branch Head, Plans and Research, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. He is slated to assume command of 12th Marine Littoral Regiment in the summer of 2025.

Colonel Neikirk is a Joint Qualified Officer. His professional military education consists of The Basic School, Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, College of Naval Command and Staff, Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education Phase I and II, and Harvard Kennedy School National Security Fellow.

He is married to the love of his life and has two daughters.

Colonel Adam R. Sacchetti

Operations Research Analyst at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.



Colonel Adam Sacchetti is an Infantry Officer in the United States Marine Corps. A Native of Walpole Massachusetts, he was Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant Following Graduation with honors from Norwich University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Following graduation of the Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment as a Rifle Platoon Commander. Completing the training program for the 22ndMEU (SOC), he deployed with BLT 1/6 and saw combat action in the Kandahar and Oruzgan Provinces of Afghanistan. He was reassigned as a Weapons Platoon Commander and subsequently deployed as a Rifle and Weapons Platoon Commander as well as a Company FiST Leader and saw combat action in Fallujah Iraq.

Following his tour at 1st Battalion, 6th Marine, Colonel Sacchetti Transferred to Naval Station Yorktown VA and assumed duties as 2d Platoon Commander, 2d Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST) Company. He deployed to both Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Cuba, as well as Naval Station Rota Spain

while serving as the ready FAST Platoon Commander for EUCOM and AFRICOM. Colonel Sacchetti was reassigned as the Executive Officer, 1st FAST Company and later assigned as the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Marine Corps Security Force Regiment.

Following graduating with Distinction from Expeditionary Warfare School, Colonel Sacchetti served as a Platoon Commander for a Candidate Platoon at Officer Candidate School as a summer augment. He then returned to Camp Lejeune, NC and assumed duties as the Commanding Officer of Fox Company, 2d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. He commanded Company F in combat in the Kariz-E-Saydi/Badula Qulp area of Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Shortly after redeployment, he served briefly in the 2d Marine Division G-3 in the Current and Future Operations Sections before being selected as the Staff Secretary for the 2D Marine Division. Colonel Sacchetti was subsequently assigned the duties of Inspector-Instructor, Company A 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Brunswick, ME until selected for enrolment at the U.S. Naval War College.

Following graduation with distinction from the College of Naval Command and Staff, Colonel Sacchetti was assigned as the Executive Officer of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment. He deployed with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in support of Marine Rotational Force Darwin. Upon redeployment from Australia, he was assigned as the Executive Officer of the 5th Marine Regiment. Colonel Sacchetti assumed command of the Lava Dogs of 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment in January 2021. While in command, V13 served as III MEF's Infantry Battalion Experiment 2030 battalion and redesignated as the 3d Littoral Combat Team following a Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan. Colonel Sacchetti subsequently graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the United States National War College in June, 2023, and is currently assigned as an Operations Research Analyst at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation.

Colonel Sacchetti's personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device, the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon. He holds a Master of Science in National Security Strategy with a concentration in War Studies from the National War College, a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Business Administration with concentrations in finance and international management from Northeastern University in Boston. He resides in Alexandria Virginia with his wife Brooke.

Colonel Ryan E. Scott

Branch Head; Plans, Programs, and Budget (MPP)



Colonel Scott is a native of California, living in various towns within the northern county of Shasta until his enlistment in the Marine Corps in June of 1993. A graduate of the California State University, Sacramento, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May of 1998.

Colonel Scott's service in the operating forces include: Equipment Operator, Team Leader, and Squad Leader, Company B, 4th Landing Support Battalion (January 1994 – May 1998); Construction Section OIC and OIC Engineer Operations Division, MWSS-172 (Oct 1999-June 2002); Deputy Team Chief, Military Transition Team 6, Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, Battalion Logistics Officer, and Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (August 2005-May 2008); Brigade Platoon Commander, 5th Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (June 2008-June 2009); Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (June 2013-July 2014); Force Engineer, I Marine Expeditionary Force (July 2014-May 2015); and Commanding Officer, 9th Engineer Support Battalion (June 2015-June 2017); Commanding Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 1 (Jun 2021-Jan 2023); Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (G3) at the 1st Marine Logistics Group (Jan-May 2023), and

Chief of Staff, 3d Marine Logistics Group (Jun 2023-Jul 2024).

Throughout his career, Colonel Scott has numerous combat deployments to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, and has deployed to over 25 countries across multiple Combatant Commanders' Areas of Responsibility in support of combat operations, bi-lateral and multilateral exercises, theater security cooperation, and advising / support to operations.

Outside the operating forces, Colonel Scott's service includes: Platoon Commander and OIC, Marine Guard Forces, Marine Corps Security Force Company Kings Bay (June 2002-June 2004); Platoon Commander, Company C, OCC-189, Officers Candidate School (June – August 2005); Lead Contingency Plans Officer and Deputy Chief of Plans, US MARCENT (July 2010-June 2013); Senior Marine and Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Navy (July 2018 – June 2020); and Deputy Director, MAGTF Staff Training Program Division (July 2020-May 2021).

In August 2024, Colonel Scott assumed his current duties as the Branch Head for Plans, Programs, and Budget (MPP), Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Colonel Scott has attended various schools and courses, to include: Engineer Equipment Operators Course, Combat Engineer Officer's Course, Combined Humanitarian Assistant Response Course, Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty Course, the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, and the US Naval War College's Maritime Advance Warfighting School, the Naval Command and Staff College, the Navy Halsey B Advance Research Program, and the College of Naval Warfare. He holds dual Masters degrees in National Security and Strategic Studies.

His awards include the Legion of Merit (with two gold stars), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with "V" and two gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and various unit, service, and campaign awards.

Colonel, Terrance J. Reese

Deputy Lead Special Trial Counsel of the Marine Corps, Office of Special Trial Counsel



Colonel Terrance J. Reese was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. After graduating valedictorian from Warren Easton Fundamental Senior High School in 1998, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with minors in Business Administration and Law and Humanities (Cum Laude) from Xavier University of Louisiana in May 2002. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps on 20 July 2002 before attending Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctorate with both Moot Court and Law Clinic honors and finished in the top 15% of his class.

Colonel Reese has served as Legal Assistance Attorney, Defense Counsel, Senior Defense Counsel, Prosecutor and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for 2d Marine Aircraft Wing. Colonel Reese also served as the principal legal advisor for 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) while deployed to Iraq in 2009. In 2010 Colonel Reese was competitively selected to participate in the Special Education Program, where he attended Georgetown University Law Center attaining a Master of Laws (LLM) with a focus in Environmental Law and Federal Litigation in 2011.

After obtaining his LLM, Colonel Reese served as an Associate Counsel, Environmental and Labor Law at the Eastern Area Counsel Office in Camp Lejeune, NC. He was again competitively selected to attend the Marine Corps University Command and Staff College, graduating in June 2015 with a Masters in Military Studies.

From 2015 to 2017, Colonel Reese served as the Deputy Branch Head for the Plans and Innovation Branch of the Judge Advocate Division for the Marine Corps (JPI), which is responsible for the professional development and management of over 500 Marine Corps lawyers. While at JPI, Colonel Reese coordinated with a local National Capitol Region law school to develop a cyber focused Master of Laws program consistent with the Commandant's planning guidance to increase cyber capabilities in the Marine Corps. Colonel Reese's efforts led directly to the convening of an operational advisory group, of which he was a vital member, to study how best to immediately develop the Marine Corps Cyber Law capacity and capability. The group's efforts led to the creation of the Master of Cyber Law Military Occupational Specialty. In November 2015, Colonel Reese was awarded the Major General Kenneth D. Gray Excellence in Jurisprudence Award by the Washington Bar Association (WBA) for outstanding service as a military lawyer. He was also inducted into the Warren Easton H.S. Hall of Fame in 2012, was a Xavier University "40 under 40" honoree in 2016, and was recognized again by the WBA for Outstanding Leadership and Service in November 2016. Colonel Reese was recently selected by the Judge Advocates Association (JAA) as the Marine Corps recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Career Judge Advocate Award.

Colonel Reese served as a military trial judge for the Eastern Judicial Circuit, Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary (NMCTJ) at Camp Lejeune, NC from 2017-2020, the circuit judge for the Western Pacific Judicial Circuit, NMCTJ in Okinawa, Japan from 2020-21, and the 3d Marine Division Staff Judge Advocate from June 2021- June 2023. Colonel Reese most recently served as both the circuit judge for the Northern Judicial Circuit, NMCTJ headquartered at the Navy Yard in Washington, DC, and a military trial judge on the Office of Military Commissions Trial Judiciary (OMCTJ), detailed to the "Cole Bombing" case. Colonel Reese presently serves as the Deputy Lead Special Trial Counsel (DLSTC) of the Marine Corps, Office of Special Trial Counsel (OSTC), which is the office tasked with the sole responsibility for investigating and prosecuting all serious cases, including sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and homicide.

Colonel Reese's awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, a Meritorious Unit Citation, Humanitarian Service Medal, three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, and a Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon.

Colonel Brad E. Whited
(Not in attendance for this event)
Director, Range and Training Programs Division
Training and Education Command



Col Whited currently serves as the Director, Range and Training Programs Division, Training and Education Command aboard Quantico, VA. Colonel Whited commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in February 2002 through Officers Candidate School and upon completion of The Basic School and Infantry Officers Course, he was assigned to Company F, 2d Battalion, 6th Marines.

While serving in 2d Battalion, 6th Marines from 2003 to 2006, Lieutenant Whited served as a platoon commander and company executive officer. He deployed with the battalion to Okinawa, Japan (Unit Deployment Program) and then on a subsequent deployment participating in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Fallujah, Iraq.

Lieutenant Whited executed orders to Special Operations Training Group, Okinawa, Japan where he was promoted to Captain and served as the Assistant Branch Head, Special Missions Branch and then as the Assistant Operations Officer from 2006 to 2008. Captain Whited also deployed to Baghdad, Iraq during this time where he served as schools and training advisor for Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

In 2009, Captain Whited graduated the Maneuver Captains Career Course in Fort Moore, GA. He was then assigned and deployed with Regiment Combat Team 7 to Helmand Province, Afghanistan and participated in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He served as senior watch officer, current operations officer, and Marjah Cell officer-in-charge. In 2010, he reported to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines and assumed command of Weapons Company where he deployed with the battalion as part of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. After returning from this deployment, Captain Whited was promoted to major and served as the battalion operations officer and executive officer from 2012 to 2013.

Major Whited executed orders to Quantico, VA in 2013 to serve as the Deputy, Enlisted Retention Section, Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments. In 2015, he was selected to serve as the Security Force Company Commander at Marine Barracks 8th and I, Washington D.C. In 2018, Major Whited executed orders to Twentynine Palms, CA, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and served as the Future Operations Officer and Deputy Director for Tactical Training and Exercise Control Group.

In 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Whited assumed command of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines and subsequently deployed the battalion in 2021 as the Ground Combat Element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Crisis Response, Central Command. Following command, he served as the Advisor Training Branch Officer in Charge, I Marine Expeditionary Force G7 before executing orders to the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI. Upon completion of school, he transferred to Quantico, VA where he served as a faculty advisor at Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

His decorations include eleven personal awards and a Presidential Service Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Joshua C. Benson

Lead Spokesperson for the United States Marine Corps



Lieutenant Colonel Benson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Weapons and Systems Engineering focusing on Robotics and Modern Control.

After graduating from The Basic School and the Defense Information School in 2009, he reported to the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA to serve as their Public Affairs Officer.

In March 2010, 2ndLt. Benson deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan and served as the 1st Marine Division Forward Public Affairs Officer. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in May 2010.

In March 2011, 1stLt. Benson returned to Camp Pendleton and resumed the duties of the 1st Marine Division Public Affairs Officer.

In January 2012, 1stLt. Benson moved to the National Capital Region after being selected to serve as the Marine Corps White House Liaison Officer to the Secretary of the Navy. He was promoted to Captain in July 2012.

In January 2014, Capt. Benson was selected by the Commandant's Career Level Education Board to attend the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and earned a master's degree in computer science. While attending NPS, Capt. Benson also completed Expeditionary Warfare School and graduated from the Naval War College.

In June 2016, Capt. Benson was assigned to the Operating Forces Support Group at Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity (MCTSSA) aboard Camp Pendleton to fulfill his CCLEB payback tour and concurrently served as the MCTSSA Public Affairs Officer.

In October 2017, Capt. Benson volunteered to deploy to Helmand Province, Afghanistan to serve as the Communication Strategy and Operations Officer for Task Force Southwest and reported to Camp Lejeune, NC. Captain Benson deployed from January 2018 to November 2018 during which he was promoted to Major in July.

In July 2019, Maj. Benson executed orders to Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA to serve as the DC CD&I's Communication Director where he coordinated the release and execution of the communication strategy for Force Design 2030.

After four years at CD&I, Maj. Benson was selected to attend Marine Corps University's Command and Staff College where he served as the class president and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in March 2024.

After graduating in June 2024 with a master's degree in military studies, LtCol. Benson transitioned to Communication Directorate, HQMC and took over as the lead spokesperson for the United States Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Benson is a 4-time member of the All-Marine Golf Team.

He is married to the former Chrissa Miller of Bismarck, North Dakota. They are proud parents to Brockston (10), Maddix (8) and Blakely (3).

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry A. Godfrey

Head of Promotions Section, Manpower Management Division, Headquarters Marine Corps



Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey, a native of Miami, Florida, attended the University of Florida where he participated in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program. In December 2001, he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant after earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree with a major in management.

Second Lieutenant Godfrey reported to The Basic School (TBS) in January 2002 and completed the Basic Officer Course, Co. B, 2-02 in July 2002. After TBS, he reported to Camp Johnson, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training. In November 2002, he graduated from Logistics Officer's Course (LOC), Class 4-02, as a 0402 (Logistics Officer).

In December 2002, Second Lieutenant Godfrey reported to 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (1/3), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He completed three deployments during this tour which included: Unit Deployment Program (UDP) in 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in 2004, and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in 2006. During his tour with 1/3 he served as Maintenance Management Officer, Motor Transport Officer, and Assistant Logistics Officer. Promoted to First Lieutenant in December 2003, he concluded his tour with 1/3 following promotion to Captain in July 2006.

In August 2006, Captain Godfrey reported to the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida. While assigned to DEOMI, he served as Marine Corps Service Liaison Officer and Operations Officer, Equal Opportunity Training Directorate. During this tour Captain Godfrey earned his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Webster University and received orders to Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

In June 2009, Captain Godfrey reported to Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 2 (VMU-2) where he served as Logistics Officer-in-Charge. While assigned to VMU-2, Captain Godfrey deployed as an individual augment with Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan (MEB-A) and served as Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF) Logistics Director. Following this deployment, Captain Godfrey reported to Marine Air Control Group-28 (MACG-28) where he served as Assistant Logistics Officer and eventually Logistics Officer.

In July 2011, Captain Godfrey returned to Camp Johnson, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for duty at the newly established Marine Corps Logistics Operations Group (MCLOG). While assigned to MCLOG, Captain Godfrey served as Department Head for Advanced Individual Training and Course Manager for Intermediate MAGTF Logistics Operations Course (IMLOC). In June 2012, Captain Godfrey reported to Logistics Operations School (LOS). Promoted to Major in October 2012, Major Godfrey commanded Motor Transport Maintenance Instructional Company. He relinquished command in June 2013 prior to returning to the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

In July 2013, Major Godfrey reported to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), 29 Palms, California where he served as Operations Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion 7 (CLB-7). While assigned to CLB-7, he deployed as the Logistics Combat Element (LCE) Operations Officer in support of OEF. In October 2014, Major Godfrey transferred to 7th Marine Regiment where he served as Logistics Officer. During this tour, Major Godfrey deployed as the Logistics Officer, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command (SPMAGTF-CR-CC).

In May 2016, Major Godfrey reported to Manpower Management Officer Assignments (MMOA), Quantico, Virginia where he served as Combat Service Support Majors Monitor. In June 2018, Major Godfrey transferred to The Basic School where he served as Operations Officer. He was promoted to his present rank in October 2018.

and transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan in May 2020. In June 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 (MWSS-171). He relinquished command in June 2022 and attended Marine Corps War College (MCWAR) in Quantico, VA during Academic Year 2022-23. In June 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey reported to Manpower Management Division, Headquarters Marine Corps where he serves as Head of Promotions Section.

Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey's personal decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars and Combat Distinguishing Device, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Lieutenant Colonel Godfrey married the former Michele Matchett of Miami, Florida (2002); they have two children--Alexander (17) and Alyssa (15).

Lieutenant Colonel Paul D. Haagenson

Wounded Warrior Regiment, Executive Officer



Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson was commissioned in May 2004 upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy. After completing the Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course, he served as a rifle platoon commander, rifle company executive officer, and battalion assistant operations officer, 3d Battalion, 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune, NC. During this time he deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from August 2005 to March 2006 and again from January to August of 2007. He also graduated from the resident Joint Tactical Aircraft Control – Primer course in Little Creek, Virginia.

From January 2008 to July 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson served on the staff at The Basic School, where he held billets as a rifle platoon tactics instructor, staff platoon commander, Basic Officer Course and Warrant Officer Basic Course company executive officer, and Infantry Officer Course instructor. During this time he completed the Expeditionary Warfare School non-resident curriculum before being selected to also attend the resident EWS program. During EWS he also graduated from the Tactical MAGTF

Integration Course in Twentynine Palms, CA, as an Operations and Tactics Instructor.

After graduating EWS with distinction in May 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson assumed command of Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (1/9) in Camp Lejeune, NC. He deployed to Afghanistan in September 2013 in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM as the battalion's assistant operations officer. During this deployment, he re-assumed command of Company C and remained in that billet until the de-activation of 1/9 in August 2014. He subsequently served as the operations officer and executive officer for 1st Battalion, 8th Marines (1/8).

In July 2015, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson was assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) for studies in computer science, where he specialized in networking and mobility and conducted his thesis research in the area of using mobile devices to enhance the process of creating and disseminating tactical operations orders. During this time he also graduated with distinction from the non-resident Command and Staff College. After graduating NPS with a master's degree in June 2017, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson was assigned to Combat Development and Integration (CD&I) in Quantico, VA.

While serving at CD&I, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson was assigned to the Operational Architecture branch of the Marine Corps Integration Division. After completing training as a certified Federal Enterprise Architect, he served as the Lead Capability Data Modeler, where he applied his NPS degree toward improving the Marine Corps' understanding of capturing, modeling and displaying capabilities data. In July 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson was assigned to the Wounded Warrior Regiment, where he is currently serving as the Executive Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson's personal awards include the Bronze Star with (V), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with (V), and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star. Lieutenant Colonel Haagenson lives in Stafford, VA with his wife Virginia (Ginny) and their four children (Lydia – 13, Joshua – 10, Micah – 6, Caleb - 1).

Lieutenant Colonel Orlando L. Higgins

Joint Concepts Program Analyst

Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory



Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) Orlando L. Higgins is currently a Joint Concepts Program Analyst, G3 Concepts, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA.

LtCol. Higgins is a 1992 graduate of William Chrisman High in Independence, Missouri. While serving on active duty, he received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Park University, Parkville, Missouri, on May 6, 2006. On August 10, 2007 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. His formal military education includes Military Police School (1992), Military Police Investigator School (1995), Sergeants Course (1996), USMC Formal School Instructor Course (2000), Staff Non-commission Officer's Career Course (2002), Antiterrorism Program Manager Course (2004), Conventional Physical Security/Crime Prevention Course (2004), Officer Candidate School (2007), The Basic School (2008), Military Police Officer Basic Course (2008), Domestic Violence Intervention Course (2012), Antiterrorism Officer Basic

(2012), Expeditionary Warfare School (2012), and College of Naval Command and Staff (2018) receiving a Master of Arts in Defense Strategic Studies.

LtCol. Higgins enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1992 and attended Basic Recruit Training with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. After completing recruit training, Private First Class (Pfc) Higgins reported to Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California, completing Marine Combat Training, Pfc. Higgins was transferred to Military Police School, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Upon Completion of Military Police School, Lance Corporal Higgins served as a Military Police Officer with the Third Marine Division at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan. There, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal. Upon completing his tour of duty in Okinawa, he served as Military Police Desk Sergeant and Watch Commander with Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia. There, he was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant (Sgt).

Upon completion of his tour in Virginia, Sgt. Higgins served as Military Police Watch Commander with Headquarters and Service Squadron at Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina. There, he deployed to Aviano Italy with Marine Wing Support Squadron-273, where he served as Military Police Provost Sergeant. Upon completion of his tour in Italy, Sgt. Higgins deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where he served as a driver and provided protective services for the United States Support Group Commander; upon returning to the United States, Sgt. Higgins was promoted to Staff Sergeant (SSgt) and attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program at Naval Education and Training Command in Newport, Rhode Island. SSgt. Higgins then served as Platoon Sergeant for Military Police North District Okinawa Japan. While assigned to North district, he deployed to East Timor where he served as Force Protection Officer and Military Police Detachment Staff Non-commission Officer In Charge for the United States Support Group East Timor. Upon returning to Okinawa, Japan, SSgt. Higgins was assigned to Military Police/Nuclear Biological and Chemical Instruction Company, Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. While there, he served as a Military Police instructor for basic entry-level Marines and Soldiers, where he was recognized and awarded instructor of the year. SSgt. Higgins was then transferred to 2nd Military Police Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from which he was deployed to Djibouti, Africa. There, he served as the Antiterrorism Force Protection Chief for Camp Lemonnier.

Upon completion of his tour in Djibouti, SSgt. Higgins was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt) and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. There, he served as the Criminal Investigator for Camp Fallujah. Upon completing his tour in Iraq, he returned to Second Military Police Battalion, Second Marine Logistic Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. There, he served as Company Gunnery Sergeant for Alpha

Company. GySgt. Higgins soon returned to Iraq with Headquarters Battalion, Second Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (FWD), where he served as Multinational Forces-West Physical Security Chief. Upon selection for the Enlisted Commissioning Program, GySgt. Higgins redeployed to the states and attended Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. After completing Officer Candidates School, Lt. Higgins was transferred to Fox Company, The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia. Upon completing The Basic School, Lt Higgins attended the Military Police Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

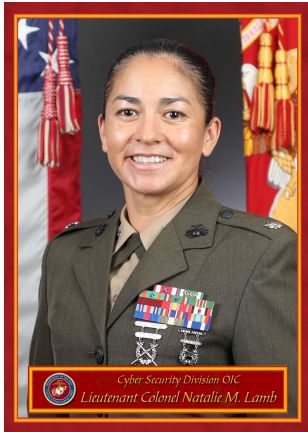
Upon completing the Military Police Officer Basic Course, Lt Higgins was transferred to the assignment of platoon commander and future plans officer for Military Police Company, Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was selected as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations East, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Upon completion of his tour as an aide, Capt Higgins attended the Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia. He was then assigned as the Company Commander, Headquarters and Support Company, 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion, II Marine Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While there, he deployed to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom as the Anti-terrorism Force Protection Office for II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward command element. Upon completion of his tour with the 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion, Capt. Higgins was assigned as the operational forces (OpFor) operations officer with Law Enforcement and Corrections Branch, Security Division (PS), Plans, Policies, and Operations (PP&O), Headquarters Marine Corps, Pentagon, Washington DC. Maj. Higgins was then selected to attend the College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Upon completion of the College of Naval Command and Staff, Maj. Higgins was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Military Police School, Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was then assigned as the Provost Marshal for the Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona. LtCol. Higgins assumed his current assignment on July 3, 2024.

His personal decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4th award), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2nd award).

LtCol. Higgins is the proud parent of three Children, daughters' LaSarah Quarchelle Katherine, LaNita E'lois and son Orlando LaVelle Higgins Jr.

LtCol Natalie M. Lamb, USMC

Cybersecurity Officer-in-Charge



LtCol Lamb assumed duties as the Cybersecurity Officer-in-Charge on July 19, 2024.

She enlisted in the United States Navy in July 2000 and commissioned through the United States Naval Academy in May 2008.

Her commands include: Recruiting Station Fort Worth, 8th Marine Corps District, Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

Her staff assignments include: Platoon Commander, Charlie Platoon at CLR-17, Platoon Commander, Technical Control Platoon at CLR-17, Assistant Operations Officer at Base S-6, MCAS Miramar, Battalion S-6 for 3d Radio Battalion, Inspector-Instructor, MWCS-48 Detachment A at MCAS Miramar, and Assistant Operations Officer, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD SD.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in English with a minor in Spanish from the United States Naval Academy and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Her personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of 2nd award), Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with 3 gold stars in lieu of 4th award), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of 2nd award).

Lieutenant Colonel Rhonda C. Martin
Assistant Chief of Staff for G-1
Marine Corps Installation National Capital Region-Marine Corps
Base Quantico, VA



Lieutenant Colonel Rhonda C. Martin currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff for G-1, Marine Corps Installation National Capital Region – Marine Corps Base, Virginia. Lieutenant Colonel Martin was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio and enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1984. After completing a successful tour as a Drill Instructor at the rank of Staff Sergeant, she was commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program and graduated Officer Candidate School in December 1997. Upon graduation of the Basic School and MOS School, she was assigned as an Adjutant at Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan from November 1998 to April

2001. In April 2001 as a First Lieutenant, she was assigned as the Adjutant for 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit,

Okinawa, Japan. During this tour, she was frocked to the rank of Captain.

From August 2003- August 2006, she was assigned as the Administrative Officer at Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. At the end of this tour, she was selected as the Aide-de-Camp for Deputy Commandant of Manpower and Reserve Affairs and was requested to serve for a two-year period. She was frocked to the rank of Major while serving as the Aide.

In August 2008, she attended Command and Staff College and graduated in June 2009 with a Master's Degree in Military Studies. During this period, she also completed a Master of Science in Business Management from Boston University.

In July 2009, she was assigned as the Deputy G-1 for 1st Marine Logistics Group in Camp Pendleton, California. In March 2010, she deployed forward as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom 10.1 and 10.2.

In July 2011, she was assigned as the G-1 Operations Officer for 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California. During this tour, she attended the Manpower Officer Course in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In September 2013, she was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. During this tour, she participated in two real world crisis responses in the Philippines and Nepal, planned and participated in several large-scale exercises both ashore and while afloat.

She was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region in San Diego, California from July 2015 to June 2018.

From June 2018- July 2020, she was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Bahrain and participated in several large-scale exercises with the U. S. Navy and foreign military.

From July 2020 – July 2024, she was assigned to Manpower Policy Branch (MPO), Manpower Plans and Policy (MP) Division to provide oversight of the female Marines in previously restricted MOSs and units in the Marine Corps Integration Implementation Plan and served as the Gender Policy Analyst. In addition, she was the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Gender Advisor for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA). In May 2023, she was reassigned to the Culture and Inclusion (MPE) Branch, MP Division. She continued her duties as the Gender Policy Analyst and WPS Gender Advisor for M&RA, while also serving as the Marine Liaison for the Defense Advisory Committee

for Women in the Service (DACOWITS).

In July 2024, she received a Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA) to Marine Corps Installation National Capital Region - Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia as the Assistant Chief of Staff for G-1.

Lieutenant Colonel Martin's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star.

Lieutenant Colonel Kendra N. Motz
(Not in attendance for this event)
Branch Head, Occupational Field Support
Communication Strategy & Operations
Communication Directorate



Lieutenant Colonel Motz commissioned in the Marine Corps in December 2005, and attended Officer Candidate School and The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. After graduating The Basic School, she attended Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Maryland and then reported to 1st Marine Logistics Group (MLG) where she served as Public Affairs Officer from 2007 to 2010. During this tour she deployed to Al Taqqadum, Iraq as Executive Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st MLG from January 2008 to February 2009.

From 2010 to 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Motz served as a Protocol Officer at Commandant's Protocol, Washington, D.C. In her subsequent assignment, from 2011 to 2014, she served at Headquarters Marine Corps, Division of Public

Affairs/Office of Marine Corps Communication, where she held the billets of Media Officer and Communication Strategy Officer. In these roles, she directly supported Deputy Commandant, Installations & Logistics and Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command. During this time she was responsible for several high-profile media accounts and events to include Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water, Montford Point Congressional Gold Medals, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response CMC congressional hearings, and the Corporal Kyle Carpenter Medal of Honor package. She also earned the civilian Accreditation in Public Relations and Military Communication (APR+M).

She was selected on the Commandant's Career-Level Education Board to attend San Diego State University from 2014-2015 where she earned a Masters degree in Communication and Media Studies and an additional military occupational specialty (AMOS) of Communication Strategy & Operations (COMMSTRAT) planner (4505).

Lieutenant Colonel Motz dual-hatted as Deputy Director for II Marine Expeditionary Force Public Affairs and the 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade Public Affairs Officer from 2015 to 2018. During this tour, she was the COMMSTRAT officer for the first rotation of Task Force Southwest at Camp Shorab, Afghanistan from April 2017 to January 2018. She also earned an AMOS of information operations planner (0510), and was the lead planner for Exercise Cold Response, MEFEX, and fielded several communication research projects. She was selected on the Commandant's Professional-level Intermediate Education Board and subsequently attended Command and Staff College from 2018 to 2019 where she earned a Masters in Military Studies. During this time, she researched the implications of misinformation and disinformation, and the positive impact of media literacy as a force protection measure.

From 2019 to 2021, she served as the Director of COMMSTRAT for 1st Marine Division. During this tour, she led several initiatives to include Tactical Visual Transmission (using tactical radios for visual information transmission), the Additional MOS Boarding program, the enhanced operational support team concept of employment, and foundational extension courses such as the 4591 Chiefs Course and the 4502 Lieutenants Course. In 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Motz was recognized as the COMMSTRAT Officer of the Year.

From August 2021 to June 2022, Lieutenant Colonel Motz served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, COMMSTRAT for I Marine Expeditionary Force where she expanded COMMSTRAT training efforts in the region, culminating in the execution of the first West Coast COMMSTRAT Training Symposium.

In 2021, she was selected to serve as Commanding Officer, Region 5, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group from July 2022 to July 2024. During this command tour, she lead 22 detachments of Marine Security Guards spread throughout Western Europe, Scandinavia, North Africa, and the Eastern Mediterranean. She currently serves as Branch Head, 45XX Occupational Field Support, Communication Directorate, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Motz's personal decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher D. Upton

Marine Corps Warfighting College (Student)

Lieutenant Colonel Upton is a native of Macon, Georgia. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1992. He spent nearly 14 years as an enlisted Marine in the Armor community. Lieutenant Colonel Upton graduated from University of North Florida in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He was commissioned in 2005 and completed the Basic School and Basic Officers Leaders Course for Armor in 2007.

Lieutenant Colonel Upton's operational assignments include 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, where he served as a Tank Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer (2007-2010). In 2014 he was assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division and served as a Company Commander (2014-2016). In 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Upton returned to 2d Marine Division to serve as the 2d Tank Battalion, Executive Officer (2019-2020) and as the Staff Secretary to the Commanding General (2020-2021).

His Supporting Establishment assignments include The Basic School, where he served as Warfighting Instructor, Staff Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer and Director of the Instructor Development Group (from 2010-2013). Lieutenant Colonel Upton also served as the Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States (2017-2019). He served as the Deputy Director for the Expeditionary Warfare School (2021-2022) and the Commanding Officer of Combat Instructor Battalion (2022-2024).

Lieutenant Colonel Upton is a graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, VA (2014) and the Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA (2017). His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Commendation Medal with 2 Gold Stars, and the Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.

Lieutenant Colonel Wynndee M. Young

Program Manager for Wargaming Capability, Marine Corps Systems Command



Lieutenant Colonel Young hails from Oak Harbor, WA; graduate from Hampton University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Upon graduation and commissioning in 2002, she attended The Basic School, then completed Ground Supply Officer Course. In May 2003, she reported to Marine Tactical Air Control Squadron 18, Okinawa, Japan, where she served as the Supply Officer, managing supply account and the significant transfer of the command's individual issue equipment to consolidated issue facilities.

In June 2005, First Lieutenant Young transferred to Combined Arms Training Center (CATC), Camp Fuji, Japan for duty as the S-4 Officer. She managed the logistic support for units conducting training and support to the CATC personnel, including six functions of logistics.

In June 2006, she was transferred to Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, Parris Island, SC for duty as a Series and Company Commander. After successful completion of Company Command, Captain Young served as Headquarters and Service Battalion's S-4 Officer. In May 2009, Captain Young attended

Contracting Officer Course, Camp Johnson, NC. Upon graduation in September 2009, Captain Young reported as a student to Combined Logistics Captain Career Course (CLCCC), Fort Lee, VA. In March 2010, Captain Young graduated CLCCC, reported to Combat Logistic Regiment 27, 2D Marine Logistics Group for duty as a Contingency Contracting Officer, and attached to the Marine Corps Installation East Regional Contracting Office. In August 2010, Captain Young deployed to Regional Contracting Center, Camp Dwyer, Afghanistan, as a Contingency Contracting Officer supporting units in Helmand Province with construction, supplies, and services contracts.

In February of 2011, Captain Young reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force, G-4 to serve as the Contracting Advisor, providing oversight for contract officer deployments and planning future operations. In July 2012, Captain Young trained and deployed with the Operational Coordination Center Regional Southwest Security Force Advise and Assist Team (SFAAT), as the Supply Officer Advisor to the Afghan Army Supply Officer and coordinated organic logistics support to SFAAT.

In July 2014, Major Young attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico Va. In August 2015, Major Young assumed the duties of Director of Regional Contracting, Expeditionary Contracting Platoon, 3D Marine Logistics Group, Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan and conducted multinational exercise contract planning, execution, and management in the Pacific Command.

In July 2017, Major Young assumed the duties of Executive Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion 7, Twenty-nine Palms, CA. In March 2018, Major Young was selected as the Logistics Officer to deploy with I Marine Expeditionary Force's Task Force Spartan, Al Taqaddum 18.2, Iraq, managing Camp Manion's Base Operations Support Integration mission, which included contracted life support, managing the air and ground transportation, maintenance, and overseeing engineer support.

In June 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Young reported to Headquarters Marine Corps Installation and Logistics, (LP) Sustainment, Operational Contract Support Section Head. She managed operational contract support policy development, planning and contracting manning, training, and equipping.

In August 2020, Lieutenant Colonel Young reported to Command Element Systems, Program Manager Office Wargaming Capability, Marine Corps Systems Command. She managed the cost, schedule, and performance of the Marine Corps Wargaming and Analysis Center infrastructure audio visual and information technology design. Remaining in CES in May 2022, she was assigned as the Deputy Program Manager, Communication Systems, managing the staff and teams to effectively execute developing and fielding necessary equipment to Marines.

April 2023, she assumed role the Program Manager for Wargaming Capability, responsible for ensuring the Marine Corps' critical software program to improve wargaming and analysis technology efforts for concept development.

Lieutenant Colonel Young's personal decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal; a Joint Commendation Medal; a Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals gold star in lieu of 5th award, and Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Lieutenant Colonel Young holds a Master of Business Administration from Webster University (2008) and Master of Science Military Studies from Marine Corps University (2015).