



# Company D

## Basic Officers Course 4-25



The Basic School • Quantico, VA  
18 December 2025

The Commanding Officer,  
The Basic School  
welcomes you to the Basic Officer Course 4-25 graduation  
ceremony.

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

**March On Official Party\***

**Invocation\***

*National Anthem\**

**Introduction of TBS & Company Staff**

**Major Brett H. Disher Remarks**

**Colonel Robert G. McCarthy III Remarks**

**Staff Platoon Commander of The Cycle Award**

**Presentation of Individual Awards**

The “Major General Merrit A. Edson” Marksmanship Award

The Basic School Physical Fitness Award

The “Major John Keith Wells Land Navigation Award”

The TBS Writing Award

The First Basic Class “Gung Ho” Award

The “First Lieutenant Shawn Blue Nominee Award”

The “Colonel William B. Lemly Academic Award”

The Military Skills Award

The “General John A. Lejeune Leadership Award”

The “First Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez Honor Graduate Award”

**Introduction of Graduates**

**Benediction\***

*Marines’ Hymn\**

*\*Please rise*

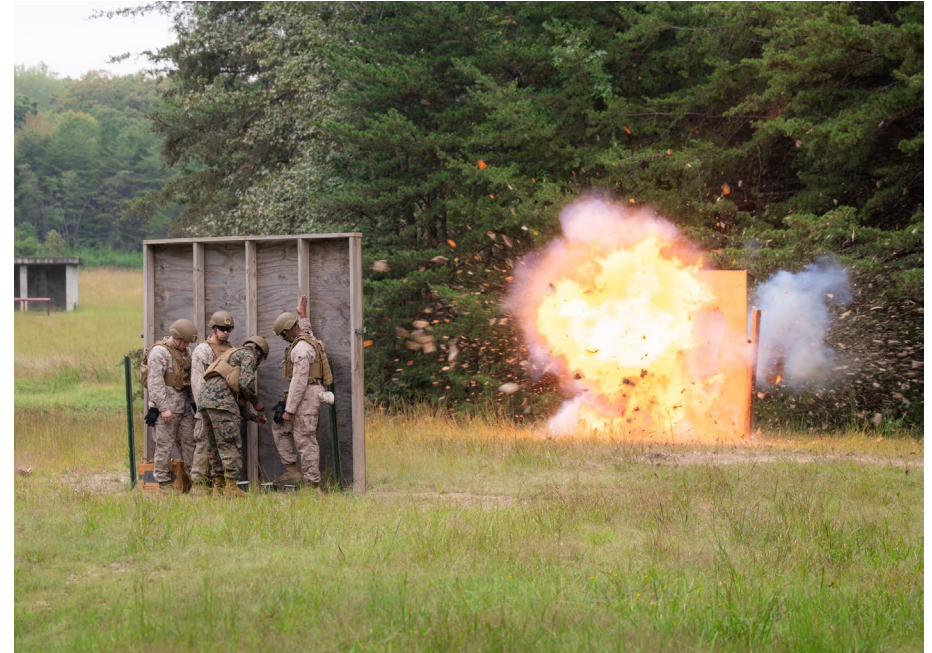






## Mission of The Basic School

"Train and educate newly commissioned or appointed officers in the high standards of professional knowledge, esprit-de-corps, and leadership to prepare them for duty as company grade officers in the operating forces, with particular emphasis on the duties, responsibilities, and warfighting skills required of a rifle platoon commander."





**Colonel Robert G. McCarthy III**  
Commanding Officer  
The Basic School

Colonel McCarthy currently serves as the Commanding Officer of The Basic School. He graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis, MO in 1995 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in November 1996. After graduating boot camp from MCRD Parris Island, he attended the School of Infantry and was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines as an 0311. Sergeant McCarthy was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in April 2000. From 2001 to 2004, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marines where he served as a Forward Observer, Guns Platoon Commander, Liaison Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Battalion S-3A/FDO. During this tour, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I).

In June 2004, Captain McCarthy was assigned as a fire support and maneuver coyote, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group (TTECG) aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, CA. In July 2007, he was reassigned to the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) in Quantico where he was a distinguished graduate. Following EWS, Captain McCarthy served with 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines as the Operations Officer, Logistics Officer and Fox Battery Commander. During his tour with 2/10, Fox Battery attached to 5th Battalion, 10th Marines, Brigade Headquarters Group, Marine Expeditionary Brigade – Afghanistan and deployed to Camp Leatherneck as part of the International Security Assistance Force's (ISAF) surge into southern Afghanistan from March to November 2009. Major McCarthy served as the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery, 10th Marine Regiment from December 2010 to June 2011.

From June 2011 to June 2012, Major McCarthy attended the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he was a distinguished graduate and the recipient of the College's Excellence in Joint Service Award. From June 2012 to June 2013, Major McCarthy attended the U.S. Army's School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS).

From July 2013 to July 2016, Major McCarthy served as a MAGTF planner in the I Marine Expeditionary Force. During this tour, he deployed with the Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, Regional Command Southwest to Helmand Province, Afghanistan from January to November 2014. From 2016 to 2017 he was the I MEF Deputy Fires and Effects Coordinator. From June 2017 to June 2019, Lieutenant Colonel McCarthy served as the commanding officer 3d Battalion, 11th Marines in 29 Palms, CA. He served as the Inspector General for the First Marine Division from June 2019 to June 2020. From June 2020 to June 2021, LtCol McCarthy attended the Marine Corps War College where he was a distinguished graduate. He served as the combat arms lieutenant colonels' monitor, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, MMOA from June 2021 to June 2022. He served as the Branch Head, Manpower Management Enlisted Assignments (MMEA) from June 2022-June 2024.

Colonel McCarthy holds a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from Marine Corps University, a Master of Arts in Operational Security from the Command and General Staff College's School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and a Master of Arts in International Relations from Webster University of St. Louis, MO.



**Sergeant Major Leonel S. Cuellar Jr.**  
Sergeant Major  
The Basic School

Sergeant Major Cuellar is a native of Texas. On 2 December 2002, he attended recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. Upon completion of recruit training, he attended the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, CA and designated as an 0311 Infantry Rifleman and promoted to Private First Class. Following graduation, he would receive orders to V23, E Company, where he was later promoted to Lance Corporal. While serving with E Company, SgtMaj Cuellar deployed to Okinawa, Japan, where his battalion was assigned to the 31st MEU. On 1 June 2005 he was promoted to Corporal and shortly after deployed to Kunar Province in Afghanistan. Upon his return, SgtMaj Cuellar was reassigned to Third Platoon as a squad leader.

On 1 June 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. SgtMaj Cuellar deployed to Hadithah, Iraq for his third deployment as an infantry squad leader, and later completed a fourth deployment to Karmah, Iraq. SgtMaj Cuellar deployed for a fifth deployment to Gulistan, Afghanistan as a Scout Sniper Team Leader. He then completed a sixth deployment to Marjah, Afghanistan as the Chief Scout / Team Leader for the Scout Sniper Platoon and was promoted to Staff Sergeant on 1 November 2010.

After completing Recruiting School, SgtMaj Cuellar was assigned to RS San Antonio, RSS Corpus Christi as a Canvassing Recruiter in January 2012. SgtMaj Cuellar received PCA orders to RSS South Park as the station's SNCOIC in January of 2013. SgtMaj Cuellar was meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant on 2 July 2014. Upon completion of Recruiting Duty SgtMaj Cuellar would receive orders to V33 and assigned as the Scout Sniper Platoon Sergeant. Shortly after his arrival, he would deploy to Okinawa, Japan as part of the UDP-H rotation for his seventh deployment. Upon returning from UDP, SgtMaj Cuellar was reassigned to L Company as the Company Gunnery Sergeant and would also assume the billet as the Company First Sergeant.

SgtMaj Cuellar received PCA orders aboard MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to 3d Marine Regiment, Combat Assault Company to serve as the Operations Chief and Company First Sergeant. In the fall of 2017 SgtMaj Sergeant Cuellar would receive his second iteration of SDA orders, this time to Combat Instructor duty, SOI-E aboard Camp Geiger, N.C. and be assigned to Infantry Training Battalion, Alpha Company as the Company Gunnery Sergeant. After a short stint on Combat Instructor Duty, SgtMaj Cuellar was selected to the rank of First Sergeant and assigned to CLB-8 as the Company First Sergeant for TS Company. Shortly after his arrival to CLB-8, SgtMaj Cuellar would be selected to go on the SPMAGTF-CR-AF 19.1 as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Logistics Combat Element. After an eighth deployment SgtMaj Cuellar would return to CLB-8 and assume the responsibilities of H&S Company First Sergeant.

In March 2020, SgtMaj Cuellar would PCS to Okinawa, Japan and report to 3d Intel Battalion and assume the responsibilities of BSSC Company First Sergeant. SgtMaj Cuellar received PCA orders to 4th Marine Regiment to assume the duties as the H&S Company First Sergeant. Shortly after his arrival, SgtMaj Cuellar was selected to his current rank and would receive PCA orders. SgtMaj Cuellar assumed the duties and responsibilities as the III MEF Support Battalion Sergeant Major on 5 April 2022. SgtMaj received PCS orders to 29 Palms, CA and assumed the role of the Battalion Sergeant Major of V37 on 16 March 2023 where he would deploy on a ninth deployment, as part of the UDP-W rotation. He would receive PCA orders for 5 December 2024 to HQBN aboard 29 Palms as the Battalion Sergeant Major. SgtMaj Cuellar received PCS orders to The Basic School in Quantico, Va and assumed his current position on 7 July 2025.

SgtMaj Cuellar holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from American Military University. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4th award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat V (7th award), and the Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star.





**Major Brett H. Disher**  
Company Commander  
Information Maneuver Officer  
Home State: Maryland

**Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Gallegos**  
Senior Enlisted Advisor  
Infantry Unit Leader  
Home State: California

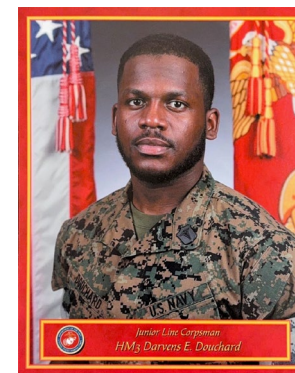


**Sergeant Romeo A. Brown**  
Transmissions Systems Operator  
Home State: Georgia



**Captain Kelly A. Owen**  
Company Executive Officer  
Infantry Officer  
Home State: California

**Sergeant Austin R. Rutherford**  
Company Gunnery Sergeant  
Infantry Rifleman  
Home State: Mississippi



**HM3 Darvens E. Douchard**  
Senior Company Corpsman  
Field Medical Technician  
Home State: California

**HM3 Jillian R. Clark**  
Junior Company Corpsman  
Field Medical Technician  
Home State: Massachusetts

## FIRST PLATOON



**Captain Grace Werren**

Staff Platoon Commander  
Logistics Officer  
Home State: Ohio

2ndLt ZOE J ADAMA  
2ndLt GODSWILL C AGIM  
2ndLt JAVIER R AGUIRREMARTINEZ  
2ndLt METIN AKYILDIZ  
2ndLt FABIOLA ALEXANDER  
2ndLt JAKE M BABBISH  
2ndLt ELIJAH I BASS  
2ndLt JOSEPHINE T BAUR  
2ndLt MAGNUS W BLANKE  
2ndLt MICHAEL A CASAS  
2ndLt LEONEL I CEREZO  
2ndLt ANDREW M CHIRIELEISON  
2ndLt ROBERT W CLARK II  
2ndLt FELIPE CLAVIJOGARCIA  
2ndLt NATALIE K CRAIN  
1stLt NATHAN H DICKMAN  
2ndLt DAVID DIEZ  
2ndLt JOSHUA A ESCOBEDO  
2ndLt HERBERT FILES IV  
2ndLt ALEC J GABBERT  
2ndLt GRANT D GLASGOW  
2ndLt TY M HAGER  
2ndLt TRE D HOLMES  
2ndLt TRAVIS D JOHNSON  
2ndLt CHRISTIAN A KEINTZ

2ndLt BRYCE P KELLEY  
2ndLt CHRISTIAN P LANGE  
2ndLt DANIEL T LANGFORD  
2ndLt CESAR A LOPEZ  
2ndLt ADLEY LOUISSAINT  
2ndLt ALDEN S LUMPKIN  
2ndLt TYLER A MASTERTSON  
2ndLt MADISON A MATOS  
2ndLt WILLIAM F MCCALL  
2ndLt DANIELLE E MOONEY  
2ndLt BRENDAN A MORAN  
2ndLt MICHAEL P MURPHY  
2ndLt JAGAN D NAUTIAL  
2ndLt MARK H PEOPLES  
2ndLt BRANDON W POSEY  
2ndLt LEAH C RASMUSSEN  
2ndLt TIMOTHY J RAUH  
2ndLt ANDREW L RUGG  
2ndLt WILLIAM K RUSH  
2ndLt KYLE R SAUR  
1stLt AUSTIN D STURDIVANT  
2ndLt JOY D TEIXEIRA  
2ndLt BENJAMIN D TOLLISON  
2ndLt JAYSON D VILLAROUCEL  
2ndLt ZACHARY H WALES  
2ndLt STEPHEN A WILLIAMS

## SECOND PLATOON



**Captain Jake S. Godbee**

Staff Platoon Commander  
Field Artillery Officer  
Home State: Florida

2ndLt ELIJAH G ALBERTI  
2ndLt JACK P ALBRECHT  
2ndLt ISAIAH L ANGELI  
2ndLt EVELYN K BAAFUOR  
2ndLt HUNTER P BAER  
2ndLt WILLIAM E BAUMANN III  
2ndLt CHRISTOPHER W BAZANT  
2ndLt SAMUEL J BEATTIE  
2ndLt ROEN T BLANKE  
2ndLt BUTCH H CHANEY  
2ndLt SAMUEL J COLLISCHONN  
2ndLt RAMON CORTES  
2ndLt AIDAN C DENNY  
2ndLt JAMES C DRIVER  
2ndLt ANDREW H ERDMANN  
2ndLt HARRIS J FAHEY  
2ndLt SEAN M FOLEY  
2ndLt LUKE F GASPER  
2ndLt JAMES D GOLDEN  
1stLt GARRETT W GRAHAM  
2ndLt HALEY R HARRIS  
2ndLt HARRISON V HECKER  
2ndLt JESUS A HERNANDEZ

2ndLt TA'JHIA L HICKS  
2ndLt NOAH R IHDE  
2ndLt SETH C KOCH  
2ndLt ORION J KOLKOWSKI  
2ndLt BENJAMIN D LAPRAD  
2ndLt ROBERT L LONG  
2ndLt PORTER J MARKEL  
2ndLt JOSHUA A MARTIN  
2ndLt VINCENT E MCGINN  
2ndLt SLADE A MERK  
2ndLt BENJAMIN A MILLER  
2ndLt MADISON L O'DONNELL  
2ndLt SARAH P PHILLIPS  
2ndLt DANIEL D RAPER  
2ndLt PARKER L REESE  
2ndLt ROBERT SAVAGE III  
2ndLt LAWRENCE T SCOTT  
2ndLt WILLIAM L SWENT  
2ndLt GABRIELLE M TELLO  
2ndLt TY C VANWINKLE  
2ndLt JAIDEN T WASHINGTON  
2ndLt STELLA M WINEMAN  
2ndLt CHARLES E WRIGHT III

## THIRD PLATOON



### Captain Nathaniel A. Melvin

Staff Platoon Commander  
Financial Management Officer  
Home State: Florida

2ndLt JUSTICE T APPIAH	2ndLt BRADLEY W KOSTRZEBSKI
2ndLt BENJAMIN M BALMER	2ndLt RAM V KRISHNAMOORTHY
2ndLt JOSEPH A BEDNAR	2ndLt JAMES J LEARY
2ndLt THOMAS J BEIGEL	2ndLt NICOLAS A LONGORIA
2ndLt ANDREW J BONGIOVANNI	2ndLt JOACHIM MACFARLANE
2ndLt ALEC J BONJOLO	2ndLt MICHAEL G MARMON
2ndLt DAYTON E BOTTOM	2ndLt DANIEL M MERCURE II
2ndLt SCOTT C BOYETT	2ndLt RODRIGO MILAN
2ndLt ALYSSA M BURKE	2ndLt NICHOLAS J MITCHELL
2ndLt CATARINA A CHELIUS	2ndLt BENNY J NOLAN
2ndLt EGOR CHERNISHOV	2ndLt MARY K O'GRADY
2ndLt RASHIEQ K COCKERHAM	2ndLt LUCAS R PADILLA
2ndLt WALTER Y CRUESCOCHACHIS	2ndLt ANNA M PEREZ
2ndLt ETHAN A DELAGARZA	2ndLt WILLIAM C PETERS
2ndLt BRIGHT EDUAH	2ndLt DYLAN P REED
2ndLt LEO GAO	2ndLt JACOB A RIVERA
2ndLt CRISTIAN D GARCES	2ndLt JAHEIM A SCOTT
2ndLt MATTHEW T GOLDSCHMIDT	2ndLt ANGEL A SEGOVIA
2ndLt XAVIER L GRESS	2ndLt JOHN H TOMCHO
2ndLt MOLLY L GRIFFIN	2ndLt STEPHANIE VELASQUEZ
1stLt DONALD B GRIFFITH JR	2ndLt JOHN P WALSH
2ndLt BROOKE N HERMES	2ndLt TY M WEBB
2ndLt REID J HILL	2ndLt THOMAS D WESOLOWSKI
2ndLt THOMAS M HOFFMAN	1stLt JOSHUA M WILLIAMS
2ndLt LILLIAN S HUANG	2ndLt DEVIN M YORK
2ndLt CHRISTOPHER A JOHNSON	2ndLt ROBERT I ZIMAN

## FOURTH PLATOON



### Captain Zachary E. Toney

Staff Platoon Commander  
Infantry Officer  
Home State: Virginia

2ndLt CHRISTIAN G ALSTON	2ndLt ALSTON J MCCASLIN VII
2ndLt DIEGO ARREAZAFARIA	2ndLt JOSEF D MILLER
2ndLt HAYDEN R BELCHER	2ndLt BENJAMIN R MITCHELL
2ndLt KARL W BENSON	2ndLt BRADEN M NAUMAN
2ndLt ZANE S BLAISDELL	Capt PATRICK R O'KEEFE
2ndLt ANTHONY C BOONE	2ndLt JONATHAN T OSTERHUS
2ndLt DYLAN M BRIGGS	2ndLt PATRICK M PANEK
2ndLt MATTHEW C CARPENTER	2ndLt DENNI N PERALTA RODRIGUEZ
2ndLt ZACHARY J CUDNEY	2ndLt SARAH L PERICO
2ndLt MARIA E DEWEY	2ndLt NATHANIEL J POOVEY
2ndLt COLBY S ECK	2ndLt KATRINA E POTAK
2ndLt SYLVIA R EKLUND	2ndLt CHRISTOPHER E ROBERTSON
2ndLt CONOR P FARRELL	2ndLt ISABELLA G ROMASKO
2ndLt DELANEY K FEENEY	2ndLt MITCHELL A SALCIDOHALL
2ndLt ZACHARY J GRAHAM	2ndLt BRAY F SEHNERT
2ndLt CHRISTOPHER L HAMILTON	2ndLt CALEB W SHEYDA
2ndLt HAYDEN W HARE	2ndLt NATHANIEL B SMITH
2ndLt FINLEY R HOLT	2ndLt JACOB H STERN
2ndLt JOHN K JABBOUR	2ndLt ALEJANDRO TOVARMENDOZA
2ndLt KATHRYN B KADIMA	2ndLt JACOB P WELCH
2ndLt MICHAEL K KALALAU	2ndLt BRANTLEY J WENTWORTH
2ndLt MILLER R LAMBERT	2ndLt SHANISSE S WILLIAMS
2ndLt JOHN T LEMKE	2ndLt JONATHAN D WYBLE
2ndLt TARON E MADISON	2ndLt TORIN P YONASH
	2ndLt JADEN E YOUNG

## FIFTH PLATOON



### Captain Abigail E. Dimirack

Staff Platoon Commander  
Field Artillery Officer  
Home State: Virginia

2ndLt ANDREA Y ADAMS	2ndLt MIA N LISANTI
2ndLt THOMAS C AVERILL	2ndLt KYLE R LYONS
2ndLt THOMAS M BEST	2ndLt KEREN E MCREA
2ndLt TYLER J BIRCHENOUGH	2ndLt SARAH E MELBY
2ndLt CHASE A BLANKENSHIP	2ndLt NOLAN D MOITZO
2ndLt GAVIN M BUCHANAN	2ndLt TRISTRAM R MOORE
2ndLt JARREN R BURLESON	2ndLt SHANE P PARKER
2ndLt TITAN A CASE	2ndLt MARSHALL W PERRY
2ndLt JAMES M DEJONGH	2ndLt STEVEN J PITCHER
2ndLt ALEXANDRA J EDELMAN	2ndLt ALFONSO D PUMA
2ndLt JACK T FINNIGAN	2ndLt THOMAS J QUADARELLA
2ndLt ROBERT A FLORES	2ndLt MICHAEL S REED
2ndLt PIPER M GEISLER	2ndLt FREDERICK E RUSHTON
2ndLt GARRETT W GRAHAM	2ndLt TRAVIS R SANDERS
2ndLt ELIJAHJAMES HAGINS	2ndLt CONNOR N SCOTT
2ndLt DANIEL L HAMMON	2ndLt BEN K SEPTER
2ndLt WILLIAM H HONG	2ndLt EMILY K SPENCER
2ndLt OWEN E HUNTINGTON	2ndLt JACQUES L THOMAS
Lt BRUNO A INTRIAGO	2ndLt BENJAMIN T VALDEZ
2ndLt GUYALEXANDRE JACOB	2ndLt GRANT A WERNICK
2ndLt ABIGAIL M KIM	2ndLt MITCHELL J WHITE
2ndLt JAMES D KING	2ndLt HELENA R WILSON
2ndLt KALEB M KURT	2ndLt OWEN R WISE
2ndLt MITCHELL S LEWIS	

## SIXTH PLATOON



### Captain Zachary G. Elvin

Staff Platoon Commander  
Aviation Supply Officer  
Home State: Pennsylvania

2ndLt MORGANNE B ANDREWS	2ndLt JOANNA B LOUDERMILK
2ndLt MICHAEL I BAHAR JR	2ndLt TOMAS F MALDONADO
2ndLt ELLIOT H BLANCO	2ndLt RAFAEL J MARIN
2ndLt WESLEY R BONNER	2ndLt VICTOR G MORALES
2ndLt TATYANA C BOVARNICK	2ndLt SYDNEY A MOWERY
2ndLt NICHOLAS T CASON	2ndLt DANIEL J MULLAN
2ndLt JAMES G CATES	2ndLt CHRISTIAN T MURILLO
2ndLt GABRIELE M CELONA	2ndLt KROY M MYERS
2ndLt JONATHAN Y CHUNG	2ndLt REUBEN L NEVELS JR
2ndLt CADEN W CLINE	2ndLt BRENDAN J O'TOOLE
2ndLt AIDEN M DESHAYES	2ndLt SEAN A PATTI
2ndLt DAVID K FARIAS	2ndLt JORDAN I POLLARD
2ndLt JAXON R FOERTSCH	2ndLt BENJAMIN J QUBECK
2ndLt BRAYDEN W FOLKERSMA	2ndLt MIKAHJACOB V RICAFFRENTE
2ndLt LILLIANA D GEMMA	2ndLt ANGEL G RODRIGUEZ
2ndLt WYATT C GENTRY	2ndLt VAUGHN A SCHMITZ
2ndLt JOSEPH D GRUBB	2ndLt LOGAN T SCIOTTO
2ndLt ANDREW H HARE	2ndLt HENRY H SOTHERN
2ndLt CAMILO HERRERARAMIREZ	Capt Ian R Stanford
2ndLt MATTHEW A JAMISON	2ndLt BENNETT M STENBERG
2ndLt KENNETH J JOHNSON	2ndLt ZACHARY K STRILER
2ndLt PATRICK L KENNY	2ndLt EMILY K TANNENBAUM
2ndLt DAVID H KREIDLER	2ndLt ETHAN R TILTON
2ndLt LEONARDO L LABOY	2ndLt CAMERON C VILLAROUOL
2ndLt CHRISTIAN T LANDIS	2ndLt ELIJAH R WILSON
2ndLt FINBAR O LINDSAY	2ndLt NICHOLAS J ZITO



## *Marines' Hymn*

*From the Halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title  
Of United States Marine.*

*Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off Northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes;  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.*

*Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded*