

## **Lieutenant Colonel Phillip N. Ash, USMC**

Lieutenant Colonel Ash was born in Milford, DE and enlisted in the U.S. Navy October of 1989, completing Naval Nuclear Power training as a reactor operator in April 1992. He reported to the U.S.S. Jefferson City (SSN 759), as a reactor operator and was selected for an NROTC scholarship in the spring of 1993. He transitioned from the Navy as an Electronics Technician Second Class, submarine qualified sailor in order to attend the Pennsylvania State University. He graduated in August 1996 receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant.



Lieutenant Colonel Ash reported to The Basic School (TBS) in August 1996 and upon completion of the Infantry Officers Course (IOC) in June 1997, reported to the 2d Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC, deploying twice to the Republic of Panama. In May of 1999 he was selected to serve as the LAR Detachment commander for Battalion Landing Team 2/6, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he participated in Operation Dynamic Response 2000 in Kosovo.

Lieutenant Colonel Ash reported to the Commanding General of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA in September 2000 and served as the Aide de Camp and as an infantry and fire support instructor at the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group.

Upon completion of the Field Artillery Captains Career Course, Lieutenant Colonel Ash returned to Twentynine Palms reporting to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines where he served as the assistant operations officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom-II in Al Qa'im, Iraq and as the Company Commander of Kilo Company, 3/7 during Operation Iraqi Freedom 4-06 in Ramadi, Iraq. Upon returning from Iraq LtCol Ash became the battalion operations officer until July 2007 when he reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

LtCol Ash graduated with a Master of Military Studies Degree from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in June 2008 prior to assuming command of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Atlanta, GA through June 2011.

Lieutenant Colonel Ash reported to Marine Barracks Washington, 8<sup>th</sup> and I as the Operations Officer July 2011, becoming the Junior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps in May of 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Ash reported to 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Regiment August 2013, where he served as the Regimental Executive Officer and deployed as the Executive Officer of Task Force Belleau Wood in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 14.1/2 returning to take command of Marine Combat Training Battalion from July 2014 to June 2016.

LtCol Ash graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Government Information Leadership with concentrations in Cyber Security, Long Term Strategy and Diagnostic Net Assessment from the College of Information and Cyberspace at National Defense University, in June 2017 prior to reporting to his current assignment.

Lieutenant Colonel Ash's personal decorations include: The Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device, "V", the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star.