

**MELISSA DIANE CHESTNUT
MAJOR, U. S. MARINE CORPS**

Major Chestnut enlisted in the United States Marine Corps October 22, 1990. Following recruit training; she served as fiscal clerk with 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Camp Hanson, and Okinawa, Japan. In April 1992 she reported to 1st Supply Battalion, 1st FSSG and reported to the Training Allowance Pool (TAP) where she served as the Issue and Receiving Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) for two years. She was accepted to the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program in 1994 and subsequently received her commission through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) in December 1998.

Her first tour as a commissioned officer was as the Repairable Issue Point (RIP) Officer for then CSSG-1, 1st FSSG in 29 Palms, CA. While with this command she deployed to Iraq for Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom and served as Company Commander, Material Readiness Company, CSSB-10 during the deployment. She also served as the Company Commander, Support Company, CSSB-10, Supply Officer for CSSB-10 (now CLB-7) and the Supply Officer for Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) 5/6 - 2004.

In July 2004 she attended the Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey, CA and graduated Sep 2006. For her payback tour she served as the MarineNet Officer with the now titled College of Distance Education (CDE), TECOM in Quantico, VA until June 2009.

She then PCS'd to Okinawa, Japan and was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division as the 3rd Marine Division Supply Officer until Jul 2011. While at 3rd Marine Division she served as the Logistic Operations Center (LOC) OIC for several exercises, including Key Resolve and Yamasukura. While assigned to 3rd Marine Division she deployed to Iraq on an IA billet as the Deputy Director of Operations for Iraq Training and Advisory Mission-Ministry of Interior (ITAM-MOI). In August of 2011, she reported to Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA and graduated in June 2012. She PCS'd to Camp Lejeune, NC and reported to 2d Supply Battalion as the Operations Officer. While assigned to Supply Battalion she deployed to Afghanistan with II MEF(FWD) as the C-4 Sustainment OIC. Upon her return from Afghanistan in August 2013 she was assigned as the Executive Officer of 2d Supply Battalion.

Major Chestnut was born in Pensacola, FL but raised in Dallas, TX. She has one sister and two brothers who all currently reside in Dallas, TX. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Clark Atlanta University, a Master of Science degree in Information Technology Management from the Naval Post Graduate School, and a Master of Science degree in Military Studies from Command and Staff College. Her personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.