

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL BARRON S. TAYLOR USMC

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego/Western Recruiting Region. Major Taylor entered active duty during the summer of 1989 and graduated boot camp from Parris Island, South Carolina in the fall. Upon completion of Marine Combat Training and the Administrative Clerk Course, Private First Class Taylor was assigned the MOS of 0151, Administrative Clerk and was further transferred to Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division. While at 2d Marine Division, he served as a Files and Directives Clerk and Inspector for the Division Adjutant Section. Additionally, he deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Provide Comfort and was meritoriously promoted to Corporal.

During the summer of 1992, Corporal Taylor was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan on an unaccompanied tour and served as Files and Directives Clerk, Wing Adjutant's Section. During his tour, He attended the Noncommissioned Officers Course and was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.

Upon completion of his overseas tour, Sergeant Taylor was transferred to Landing Force Training Command, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia( later redesignated as Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic) where he served in various billets as Orders Clerk, Files and Directives Chief, and Separations Chief. It was during this tour that Sergeant Taylor was selected for the Meritorious Commissioning Program and ordered to Officer Candidates School (OCS), Quantico, Virginia in January of 1997.

Sergeant Taylor completed OCS in April 1997 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (2ndLt) and further ordered to The Basic School to attend the Basic Officer Course. After completing the Basic School and the Adjutant's Course, 2ndLt Taylor was assigned the MOS of 0180, Adjutant, and transferred to Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as the Battalion Adjutant and Legal Officer.

In June of 2000, First Lieutenant Taylor was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego where he served in a myriad of assignments as a Series Commander, Regimental Adjutant, and Company Executive Officer. During his tenure he was promoted to Captain.

In July of 2003, Captain Taylor was transferred to 3d Marine Division, Okinawa Japan where he served two years as the Division Adjutant. He participated in such large scale exercises as Yama Sukura, MEFEX, Ulchi Focus Lens, and Cobra Gold.

In August of 2005, Captain Taylor attended Expeditionary Warfare School and was subsequently transferred to Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps where he served as the Operations Officer, Semper Fit Branch, Personal & Family Readiness (MR) Division. During this assignment, he participated in the OCS Summer Augmentation program every summer from 2006 to 2009 serving as a Platoon Commander and Company Commander. During his tour he was promoted to Major.

In February of 2010, Major Taylor was transferred to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Deputy AC/S, C/G-1, Regional Command Southwest (RC(SW)/ I MEF (Forward). Upon his return in April of 2011, Major Taylor was reassigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division as the Deputy AC/S, G-1 and later the AC/S, G-1, and Staff Secretary. In the summer of 2013, He was transferred to MCRD San Diego and assumed his present duties and, shortly after reporting, promoted to his current rank. Lieutenant Colonel Taylor is currently slated to take command of 1<sup>st</sup> Recruit Training Battalion during the summer of 2015.

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Lieutenant Colonel Taylor is currently enrolled in the Air War College Distance Education Program. He has two children: Barron II (22), a teacher at H. H. Poole Middle School in Stafford, Virginia; and Summer (16), a senior at Brooke Point High School in Stafford, Virginia.