

## **Lieutenant Colonel Jason “Crome” Harris, United States Marine Corps**

A native of Placentia, California, Lieutenant Colonel Harris was commissioned in 2003. He currently serves as the Executive Officer of Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG) in 29 Palms.

As a company grade officer and CH-46E pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Harris deployed three times between 2006-2010 in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364. He then served as an instructor pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 164. In 2010, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as the Deputy Afghan National Police Development Officer for Regional Command (Southwest). In 2012 he reported to the British Royal Navy’s Commando Helicopter Force as a personnel exchange program officer. Lieutenant Colonel Harris deployed as a Mk4+ Sea King pilot with 845 Naval Air Squadron to Norway and Jordan for exercises, and to Afghanistan in 2013 in a direct support role to UK special operations forces.

As a field grade officer, Lieutenant Colonel Harris deployed to Afghanistan again in 2014 in support of UK special operations forces, serving as Commander of C Flight, 845 Naval Air Squadron. Upon his return to the United States in 2015, he transitioned to the MV-22. Lieutenant Colonel Harris deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2017, serving as the Aviation Combat Element Operations and Executive Officer for Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as Aviation Integration Officer, Instructor Development Officer, and Advanced Maneuver Warfare Course Director at MCTOG.

Lieutenant Colonel Harris is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Expeditionary Warfare School (non-resident), Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, UK Instrument Review Instructor Course, Command and Staff College (non-resident), Naval War College (Highest Distinction), Tactical Air Control Party Course, and Advanced Maneuver Warfare Course.

Lieutenant Colonel Harris has over 3000 flight hours, and has logged more than 1000 combat hours in three different type/model/series. His personal decorations include the Strike/Flight Air Medal with bronze numeral “16”, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.