

## Lieutenant Colonel Michael F. Masters Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel Masters was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, and graduated from the University of North Florida in 2005. Corporal Masters received his commission via the Platoon Leader's Class (PLC) program in December 2005. He designated as a Ground Intelligence Officer upon completion of The Basic School (TBS) and Infantry Officer's Course (IOC), Ground Intelligence Officer's Course (GIOC) and Scout Sniper Platoon Commander's Course (SSPCC) in April 2007.

2ndLt Masters received orders to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at MCAGCC, 29 Palms, CA from May 2007 through April 2010. During this time, he served as the Scout Sniper Platoon Commander and Assistant Intelligence Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 06-08.2 (August 2008- March 2009) and as a Brigade Intelligence Advisor to the Iraq Army during OIF 09-01 (January-August 2009). Additionally, Captain Masters served as the Remain Behind Element (RBE) Intelligence Officer for the 7th Marine Regiment from August 2009-April 2010.

From April 2010 until May 2013, Captain Masters served as the Officer Selection Officer for Lexington, KY.

From June 2013 through August 2014, Captain Masters attended Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) Quantico, VA and MAGTF Intelligence Officer's Course (MIOC) at the NMITC, Dam Neck, VA.

In August 2014, Captain Masters reported to 1st Intelligence Battalion, Camp Pendleton CA to serve as the Assistant Operations Officer before assuming command of Headquarters and Service Company until November 2015.

In December 2015, Captain Masters reported to the Special Purpose MAGTF- Crisis Response- CENTCOM at Camp Del Mar, CA. In March 2016, Major Masters deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) as the Task Force Al Asad Assistant Intelligence Officer until December 2016. Upon return, Major Masters reported to the I Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) G-2 Operations Section as the Plans Officer until May 2017.

From June 2017 to June 2020, Major Masters assessed and selected by the Joint Special Operations Command Intelligence Brigade (JIB) where he served as a Troop Commander and Deputy J3 for Current Operations. During this time, he again deployed in support of OIR as a Joint Task Force Deputy J2.

Major Masters attended the Marine Corps University's Resident Command and Staff College from July 2020 until June 2021.

Lieutenant Colonel Masters reported to the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group (MCTOG) at MCAGCC, 29 Palms, CA in July 2021 where he served as the MCTOG S-2 Officer-In-Charge until assuming his current billet as the MCTOG Executive Officer in March of 2022.

His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with "C" device, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star.