

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT MICHAEL GMERK

Master Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek began his current assignment as the Intelligence Chief / Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group on 14 Aug 2018. In July 2019, he passed on the Senior Enlisted Advisor duties to another Master Gunnery Sergeant.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek was born in Lockport, New York, and enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 1996. Upon completion of recruit training and his A-school, he was assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan. During this period, he supported the Systems section, Targeting section, and supported multiple exercises in Okinawa, South Korea, Mainland Japan, Thailand, and Australia.



In January 1999, Sergeant Gmerek reported for duty with USSOCOM in Tampa, FL. During this period, he supported in charge of the Special Operations Debriefing and Retrieval System (SODARS). In June 2003, Staff Sergeant Gmerek reported to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. While there, he deployed as the CJTF 180s HUMINT Analysis and Requirements Cell (HARC) Chief in Afghanistan, Regimental Combat Team 7s Intelligence Chief for 6 months in Iraq, HUMINT analysis Chief with 3d MAW in Iraq, and back to Iraq as the Theater Source Manager at MNF-I.

In December 2006, Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek joined 1st Marine Special Operations Bn as the Intelligence Chief. While there, he helped direct the manning, training, and equipping of the company Intelligence attachments. From October 2009 to September 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek served with 1st Intelligence Bn in Camp Pendleton, CA. While there, he deployed twice to Afghanistan as the HARC Chief and COC Intelligence Watch Chief.

From October 2013 to February 2014, Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek served as the Production and Analysis Chief for 1st Marine Division. In February of 2014, Master Sergeant Gmerek became the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Intelligence Chief and Special Security Representative. While there, he deployed to the Gulf region on the USS IWO JIMA. In February of 2016, Master Sergeant Gmerek reported to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. While there, he served as the Future Operations Chief, Intelligence Oversight representative, and Operations Chief.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Gmerek's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Service Commendation medal with 4 oak leaves, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.