

United States Marine Corps

Colonel Matthew S. Reid



Colonel Reid is a native of Malone, New York, and graduated from Norwich University in Vermont with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in May of 1993, and was commissioned as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps.

He first served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and deployed to the Western Pacific on two Marine Expeditionary Units.

In 1997 he was the Inspector and Instructor for Fox Company, 2d Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment in Albany, New York and subsequently attended the US Army's Infantry Captain's Career Course on Fort Benning, Georgia.

His next assignment was as the Company Commander of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, where he deployed on a Marine Expeditionary Unit and then for the ground invasion of Iraq in 2003 with Regimental Combat Team-1. He became the battalion Operations officer upon his return from Iraq.

In 2004 he took command of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Orlando, Florida.

In 2008 he reported to 1st Marine Regiment and re-deployed to Iraq for 12 Months in Fallujah and Ramadi with Regimental Combat Team-1 as the Current Operations Officer for the Regiment.

He then commanded 2d Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment from 2009 to 2011 and deployed with them to Garmsir District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

He served a Joint Tour with Joint IED Defeat Organization from 2012 to 2015 as the Director of the Net-Centric Innovation Division working on various cyber initiatives. This billet was followed by duties in the Pentagon as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Undersecretary of the Navy (Policy) in the Department of the Navy.

He then served in 2016 as the Commanding Officer of 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While there he deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan from April 2017 to January of 2018 as the Deputy Commander for the first rotation of Task Force Southwest.

Most recently, Colonel Reid served as the Marine Corps fellow to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

He is currently serving as the Director "Coyote-6", Tactical Training Exercise Control Group at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California.

He has also received Masters Degrees from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College.

Decorations include 2 Legions of Merit, 2 Bronze Stars (1 with V), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, 3 Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (1 with V), 2 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and 2 Combat Action Ribbons.

He is married to Gwynne Reid a Registered Nurse, also from Malone, NY and they have three children.