

Bio for Lt Col Tom Armas

Lt Col Armas Graduated from Northeastern University, Boston Massachusetts in 1992. After Graduation, Lt Col Armas Enlisted in the USMCR and attended recruit training at Paris Island South Carolina.

In 1994 Lt Col Armas was commissioned 2nd LT and attended the Basic School and Infantry Officers Course (IOC). Upon graduation from IOC LtCol Armas was assigned to 1st Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and served as a platoon commander, XO, and heavy weapons/CAT platoon commander.

In 1998 LtCol Armas was selected to be the Aide de Camp for the Commanding General Marine Corps Base Hawaii/Deputy Commander III MEF.

In 1999 LtCol Armas left active duty, joined the Marine Corps reserve and became a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, serving in the New York Field Office, New Haven Resident Office, and William Jefferson Clinton Protective

In 2004 LtCol Armas was recalled to active duty in support of OIF/OEF, assigned as an action officer to the Joint Inter-Agency Coordination Group (JIACG) Central Command. While in the JIACG LtCol Armas deployed to Iraq twice coordinating Inter-Agency operation as the LNO to numerous US Federal Agencies.

In 2005 LtCol Armas joined 2nd Battalion 25th Marines. While serving with 2/25 LtCol Armas served in numerous billets as the Battalion Gunner, Operations Officer, Weapons Company Commander for 06 Annual Training, Weapons Company Executive Officer during Exercise Shared Accord Senegal, Africa 07. In 2007 LtCol Armas became Fox 2/25 Company Commander and deployed as the Commanding Officer to Iraq in 08/09.

In 2009 LtCol Armas was assigned to Marine Forces North and served as an Emergency Planning Officer with FEMA Region 1 in Defense Support of Civil Authorities.

In 2010 LtCol Armas returned to 25th Marines serving as part of the Regimental staff as the Logistics Officer.

In October 2010 LtCol Armas assumed Command of 3rd Battalion 25th Marines. While serving as Battalion Commander the Battalion deployed to Rego, Latvia to train the Latvian forces in support of Exercise Saber Strike 12, Senegal, Africa in support of Exercise Western Accord, to train Senegalese Special Forces, Commando's and basic infantry, and also supported Marine Week Cleveland.

In August 2013 LtCol Armas deployed to Jordan and Afghanistan to become the Officer In-Charge of the Jordanian Deployment Program. This program was responsible for training Jordanian Infantry Task Forces for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In August 2014 LtCol Armas deployed to Bahrain to Task Force 51 to become the N-5 director plans, policy's and Theater Security Cooperation engagements and exercises.

In April 2015 LtCol Armas redeployed and joined the Marine Air Ground Task Force Staff Planning Cell (MSTP), Quantico Virginia.

In April 2016, LtCol Armas was selected to be the Senior Reserve Advisor / IMA Detachment OIC for the Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group, Ft Story Virginia.

LtCol Armas' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Selective Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Medal, and Combat Action ribbon. LtCol Armas is also the recipient of the United States Secret Service Medal of Valor.