

Master Sergeant John F. Kirk IV

John F. Kirk IV was born in Chestertown, Maryland and grew up in Orlando, Florida.

He enlisted in July 1999 recruit training at 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Hotel Company, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

In October 1999, Private First Class Kirk completed Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, NC. He was ordered to the Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Huachuca, AZ for Basic Morse School.

In May 2000, Lance Corporal Kirk graduated from Basic Morse School and was ordered to Communications Signals Analysis course at Corry Station in Pensacola, Florida.

In November 2000 Lance Corporal Kirk received orders to 2nd Radio Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC. Upon arrival he was assigned to the Special Signals platoon. In early 2001 he was assigned to the Radio Reconnaissance platoon. He deployed as an operator on a SIGINT Support Team during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a SIGINT operator.

In November 2003, Sergeant Kirk received orders to Marine Analysis and Reporting Course aboard Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas with follow-on orders to Company D, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion aboard Fort Gordon, Georgia. During his tour at Co D, he helped establish the Marine Cryptologic Support Element (MCSE) and served as the Senior Mission Manager for the MCSE as well as the Company Gunnery Sergeant.

In April 2007, Sergeant Kirk was assigned to 2nd Radio Battalion, CLNC. During this tour he served as the Operations Chief for the 24th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He also served as the Chief for the S-3 Detachment Training section.

In July 2011 GySgt Kirk reported for duty at Company D MCSB. He served as a Joint Service Division/Branch SNCOIC as well as the Company GySgt.

In July 2014 GySgt Kirk was assigned to 3rd Radio Battalion where deployed with the 31st MEU as the SNCOIC. Upon his return to Marine Corps Base Hawaii he served as the Battalions Future Operations Chief and the Bravo Company Operations Chief.

In May 2017 he reported for duty as the Senior Enlisted Marine for Co D MCSB where he is currently serving.

Master Sergeant Kirk's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of 3rd award, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one Gold star in lieu of 2nd award, Combat Action Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment metal with three oak leaves in lieu of 4th award, and the Good Conduct Medal with one silver star and one bronze star in lieu of sixth award.

Master Sergeant Kirk has two children Aden (14) and Kiersa (13).