

MGySgt Vega was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1969. He graduated from North Medford Senior High School in June 1987 and went to bootcamp the following month. After graduating from bootcamp in October 1987, MGySgt Vega attended formal language training at the Defense Language Institute at Monterey CA with follow-on training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Tx. MGySgt Vega reported to his first duty station, 2nd Radio Bn, in October 1988 as a 2671 Persian Farsi linguist

MGySgt Vega deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1989 as a Persian Farsi linguist in support of the ERNEST WILL missions (reflagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers) and then returned to 2nd Radio Bn. In 1990, MGySgt Vega deployed with 1st Radio Bn to Saudi Arabia as part of Task Force Ripper during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. MGySgt Vega returned in March 1991, attended A&R school in July 1991, and moved onto Company F, NSG, Rota Spain. MGySgt Vega departed Company F in May 1993 and returned to 2nd Radio Bn. MGySgt Vega remained at 2nd Radio Bn until 1998 and deployed several times in support of 24th MEU, 26th MEU, and various other units. In 1997, MGySgt Vega attended the Journeyman A&R school.

In 1998, MGySgt moved on to Company D, Fort Gordon, GA where he filled various billets to include Persian Farsi Linguist, Mission Supervisor, Navy MCIC Watch Supervisor, Command Language Program Manager, and CENTCOM Crisis Support Center Analyst. In 2002, MGySgt Vega reported to Support Battalion, MCRD Parris Island and was assigned as the Recruit Special Screener. He screened over 1,000 recruits for assignment to the 02XX/26XX MOS and Presidential Support Duty.

In 2006, MGySgt Vega reported to G-2, Marine Forces Pacific, as the MARFORPAC SIGINT/EW Chief. In 2007, MGySgt Vega reported to 3rd Radio Bn and was assigned as the Alpha Company Operations Chief. In February 2008, MGySgt Vega reported to the MARFORPAC Analysis and Investigation Team (MAIT). In July 2009, MGySgt Vega reported to 1st Radio Bn, Camp Pendleton, CA. While at 1st Radio Bn, MGySgt Vega filled various billets to include S-3 Training Chief and Battalion Operations Chief. In 2010, MGySgt Vega deployed to Afghanistan as the Battalion Operations Chief in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In May 2013, MGySgt Vega reported to Company D, Fort Gordon, GA as the Senior Enlisted Advisor.

MGySgt Vega's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2nd Award), and the Combat Action Ribbon.

MGySgt Vega is married to the former Maggie Sieben. Together, they have five children: Steven (25), Michael (23), Justin (21), Aaron (21), and Ayana (12).