

**MAJOR J. G. TIJERINA**  
**U. S. MARINE CORPS**

Major Juan-Michael (Mike) G. Tijerina was born in San Angelo, TX on 10 Jul 1969. Upon his father's end of active duty service as a USAF C-130 pilot, the family moved to Austin. In 1991, Mike enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and served at the Marine Corps Air Station - Kaneohe Bay, HI as a Military Working Dog Handler. Upon completion of his active service, he returned to Texas and joined the USMC Reserves at 4<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion in 1995, while simultaneously attending Texas A&M University - Kingsville. Upon completion of his Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree with an emphasis in Criminology in 1999, Tijerina was accepted and reported to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA in May 2000.



Upon completion of OCS, 2d Lieutenant Tijerina attended The Basic School and the Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course. In Aug 2001, he reported to the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan as the Signals Intelligence Officer for the Wing G-2. 2dLt Tijerina also completed a tour on the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) as the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Coordinator. He returned to the Wing G2 and was subsequently promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in 2002. In Aug 2004 1<sup>st</sup>Lt Tijerina reported to the 2d Radio Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC. He was frocked to Captain in Oct 2004 and served as the Headquarters and Service Company Commander. In May 2005, Capt Tijerina deployed to Iraq with his Battalion and served as the Headquarters Company Commander in Camp Fallujah, Iraq until redeployment in Aug 2005. In August 2006, Captain Tijerina assumed command of Company A and deployed to Iraq with the battalion to lead Operational Control Element-5 in support of Regimental Combat Team-5 in Camp Fallujah.

Captain Tijerina reported to Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC in Sept 2007 and served as a Series Commander and Company Commander. In May of 2009, Capt Tijerina was selected and served as the Aide de Camp for the MCRDPI Commanding General. In May 2010, Capt Tijerina reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune, NC. In 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan with the MEF G2 and was promoted to his current rank. Upon completion of the deployment, Major Tijerina returned to the MEF G2 until reporting to Company H, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion in San Antonio, Texas in Sept 2013.

Major Tijerina is married to Mrs. Sylvia Tijerina. They have two daughters and live in San Antonio, Texas.